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Russians Attack Iranian Territory

A Russian regiment is reported to have attacked an Iranian army post in North-western Azerbaijan a few days ago and "an important battle" was fought.

The reports said the Russian troops used tanks and armoured cars and crossed the border in the Paderewski district near the Caspian sea.

It is believed that Iran has handed Russia a stiff protest. The number of Russian casualties is unknown.

The incident is regarded as the most serious attack since the Azerbaijan fighting two years ago.

SIXTH INCIDENT

It is the sixth reported incident this year and follows on the heels of a Soviet attack said to have occurred in the Gossan district recently.

Last autumn the Russians established border posts in Iranian territory.

Troops from the north report that there have been Russian concentrations in the region of the Caucasus close to the Iran Russian Turkish borders. Soviet forces there held exercises, using heavy artillery and tanks not far from Mount Arrat.

In recent weeks the Russian radio stepped up its attack on Iran, claiming a breach of the treaty by the presence of American advisers in Iran.—Associated Press.

Fewer Divorces In America

Washington, Apr. 4.—There has been a sharp decline in the divorce rate in the United States during the past two years, according to Government figures. Marriages also have declined.

The Public Health Service estimates that there were 415,000 divorces granted last year compared with 474,000 in 1947, and a record number of 610,000 in 1946.

The marriage rate last year was 185,000, compared with 1,901,878 in 1947 and more than two million in 1946.—Reuter.

Reprieve Sought For Young Murderess

London, Apr. 4.—Within a few minutes of an appeal against the death sentence on a young mother having been dismissed today a solicitor was on his way to Whitehall with a petition praying for a reprieve. There were 12,000 signatures on the petition.

Nationwide sympathy has been aroused for the young mother, Mrs. Rene Duffy, aged 19, since she was sentenced for the murder of her 23 year old husband in Manchester. Her husband was described in the trial as a man who had subjected her to endless cruelty and who, when they quarrelled and she wanted to leave, refused to let her take her baby with her.

Last night, a warrant officer in the Royal Army Ordnance Corps offered to be executed in Mrs. Duffy's place if her appeal failed.—Reuter.

Paderewski's Bequest To Universities

Paris, Apr. 4.—The late Dr Ignace Paderewski, the world famous pianist and the first Prime Minister of the Polish Republic, left about £14,000 to five Polish universities, the Polish Embassy announced here today. The will, drawn up in 1930, was opened last week in a Paris judge's office.

A Polish Embassy spokesman said today that the money was left to the Universities of Cracow, Jagiellonne, Wroclaw and Poznan and the Conservatoire of Warsaw, to provide scholarships.

Dr Paderewski also left £250 per annum to his brother Joseph and his half-sister Maria, and £5,000 to his former secretary. His wife, Madame Helena Paderewski, who died in 1934, and other relatives who have died since the will was made, were "also mentioned," the spokesman added.

The total value of the Paderewski estate was "about £250,000."

Maitre Bricout, the Polish Embassy solicitor here, told Reuter that Dr Paderewski stated in his will: "I myself have benefited from all whom I may have benefited. I myself have benefited from all whom I may have benefited. I myself have benefited from all whom I may have benefited."

Maitre Bricout said that as Dr Paderewski's fortune consisted mostly of property in Switzerland, Brazil and the United States, the total value of £250,000 was "a very rough" figure. The properties were being revalued.—Reuter.

FILM ACTRESS SERIOUSLY ILL

Hollywood, Apr. 4.—Every effort is being made to save the baby expected by film actress Olivia de Havilland in August, her studio announced yesterday.

The actress was reported earlier to be seriously ill. She has been confined to bed for the last two months. A doctor said he doubted whether she will be up again before the birth of the baby.

Wife of novelist Marcus Goodrich, Miss de Havilland was reported to have greatly improved towards the end of last week, but her condition became serious over the weekend.—Associated Press.

Ships Take Shelter

London, Apr. 4.—Shipping is sheltering today at many points around the British coast after one of the stormiest nights for many years. At times the wind attained a velocity of 120 kilometres per hour.

Gales delayed today's train from Dunkirk.—Reuter.

Bulwark For Fuller And Happier Life

MOVING SPEECHES AT HISTORIC CEREMONY

Washington, Apr. 4.—The Foreign Ministers of the 12 Western nations formally signed the Atlantic Pact today, binding their Governments at an historic ceremony here to recognise an attack on one as an attack on all.

Television and news cameras whirled and clicked in the State Department's ornate Auditorium while the Ministers stepped up in alphabetical order of the countries to put the seal to nine months of negotiations for common defence.

The agreement pledges the 12 powers to consult together when their territorial integrity, political independence or security is threatened in any part of the world, to do everything to strengthen their free institutions and eliminate conflict between themselves in the economic field.

The agreement is valid first for 10 years and will then be reviewed for another 10 years.

Mr Dean Acheson, the U.S. Secretary of State, welcomed his 11 colleagues to the packed Hall and opened the ceremony, declaring: "For those who set their feet on the path of aggression, this treaty is a warning that if it must needs be that offences come, then we will be united by whom the offence comes."

Welcoming the Foreign Ministers of the 11 other Pact nations and addressing 1,300 members of the Diplomatic Corps, officials and newspapermen, Mr Acheson said: "We are met together to consummate a solemn pact."

Mr Acheson referred to the purpose of those who had drafted the treaty was "like the stars—not to create what they record, but to set down realities for the guidance of men, whether well or ill disposed."

"For those who seek peace, it is a guide to refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. For those who set their feet upon the path of aggression, it is a warning that if it must needs be that offences come, then we will be united by whom the offence comes."

THE REALITY

"For the reality which is set down here is not created by the reality of the unity of belief of spirit, interest, or the community of nations represented here. It is the product of many centuries of common thought and of the blood of many simple and brave men and women. The reality lies not in the common pursuit of a material goal or of power to dominate others. It lies in the affirmation of moral and spiritual values which govern the kind of life they propose to lead, and which they propose to defend by all possible means should that necessity be thrust upon them."

"Even this purpose, which has been demonstrated to be well that these truths be known. From this act taken here today will flow increasing good for all peoples. From this joining of many wills and one purpose will come new inspiration for the future."

"A new strength and courage will accrue not only to the peoples of the Atlantic community but to all peoples of the world community who seek for themselves and for others equally freedom and peace."

Mr Acheson's warning to aggressors is a slight variation of the Gospel of St. Matthew in the New Testament.

This states: "Woe unto the world because of the offences for it must needs be that offences come, but woe to that man by whom the offence comes."

TRUMAN'S SPEECH

President Harry Truman, speaking after all the Foreign Ministers and just before the signing, rejected Russia's charge that the Pact was "aggressive" and hailed it as a "shield against aggression."

It would create a bulwark behind which the peoples of the world could get on with "achieving a fuller and happier life."

"In taking steps to prevent aggression against our own peoples we have no purpose of aggression against others," the President stated.

"To suggest the contrary is to slander our institutions and demean our ideals and our aspirations."

"We have come together in a great co-operative economic effort but we cannot succeed if our people are haunted by the constant fear of aggression and burdened by the cost of preparing their nations individually against attack."

The alliance, President Truman said, was a "simple document but if it had existed in 1914 and in 1939, supported by the nations which are represented here today, I believe it would have prevented the acts of aggression which led to two world wars."

COMMON PROBLEM

Mr Truman said that the North Atlantic people faced a common problem of "mastering the forces of modern technology in the public interest. To meet this problem successfully, we must have a world in which we can exchange the products of our labour not only among ourselves but with other nations."

"But we cannot succeed if our people are haunted by the constant fear of aggression."

Mr Truman referred to the signature of the Treaty as "a neighbourly act, we are like a group of neighbours, living in the same locality, who decide to express their common community of interests by entering into a formal association for their mutual self-protection."

"The nations who will sign it agree to abide by the peaceful principles of the United Nations, to maintain friendly relations and economic co-operation with one another, to consult together whenever the territory of any of them is threatened, and to come to the aid of any one of them which may be attacked."

Mr Truman went on to say that "within the United Nations, this country and other countries have sought to establish an international force for the use of the United Nations in the event of war."

Preserving peace throughout the world."

Without naming the Soviet Union he added solemnly, "Our efforts to establish this force, however, have been blocked by one of the major Powers."

"This lack of unanimous agreement in the Security Council does not mean that we must abandon our attempts to make peace secure. Even without that agreement, which we still hope for, we shall do as much as we can."

"In this Treaty we seek to establish freedom from aggression and from the use of force in the North Atlantic community."

BEVIN'S OBSERVATIONS

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, said he was satisfied that "the step we are taking has the almost unanimous approval of the British people."

"We have witnessed a period in which, within the countries represented here have been striving to rehabilitate the world and to restore it to prosperity and sanity, they have been constantly frustrated in their efforts—we had to get together and build with such material as was available to us, and this material was happily at hand in this great Atlantic community, with its common outlook and desire for peace."

"Our peoples do not glorify in war but they will not shrink from it if aggression is threatened."

As a result of the Pact democracy was no longer a series of isolated units but had become "a collective organism."

Mr Bevin added: "But this is not the final end. We shall pursue with every endeavour the building of a truly universal United Nations to which this group of countries will be no mean contributor."

Mr Bevin said that "in appending my signature to this Pact today, I am doing so on behalf of a free parliamentary"

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Western Nations And Soviet Eastern Bloc Military Strength Comparisons

Washington, Apr. 4.—The North Atlantic Treaty unites 12 Western countries with a total population of 332,439,000—nearly 15 per cent more manpower than the Soviet group.

Russia, with six Eastern European allies, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Rumania, Bulgaria and Albania, have a population of 274,730,000.

Measured in manpower, the present armed strength of the Treaty countries and the Soviet bloc is estimated to be roughly the same. This covers the standing armies, navies and air forces but does not include reserves that might be called up in the event of war.

Most of the military manpower of the Atlantic group is centred on the armed forces of the United States, Britain and France. The three countries account for about 311,300 of the 12-Power total of 4,146,600.

Russia is the big power of the Soviet group with an estimated 4,050,000 men in its armed forces. Her other allies add about 1,101,000 to that figure.

The big navies of the United States and Britain, plus the naval forces of the other allies, give the Atlantic alliance a wide edge in sea-power.

As for air power, military experts can only guess. They estimate that the total number of aeroplanes is about the same for the Western and Eastern blocs, but believe that the Atlantic Powers probably muster more long-range bombers.

In addition to their potential manpower advantage, the Western Powers together possess:

(1) More than three times as much capacity for producing steel.

(2) More than twice as much coal production.

(3) Eight times as much oil.

(4) Almost 34 times as much ocean-going merchant tonnage.

(5) Nearly three times as much motor transport.—Reuter.

SINGAPORE TACKLES HOUSING PROBLEM

Singapore, Apr. 5.—First practical steps towards relieving housing congestion by the provision of more houses in Singapore has been taken by the Colony's Legislative Body.

The city's legislators have approved the immediate preparation of a diagnostic survey of the housing requirements in this Colony. The survey, to cost Straits\$500,000, will cover a period of three years.

The diagnostic survey, according to the Commissioner of Lands, Mr C. W. A. Sennett, would find out how many people had to be dealt with, particulars of their work, size of their families and their needs for public facilities such as schools and the like.—Associated Press.

Chinese Red Radio Contradicts Cease Fire Report

Nanking, Apr. 5.—Nationalist leaders, listening for confirmation of the Communist delegation's reported verbal promise to issue a cease-fire order today, heard the Communist Peiping Radio last night declare that Red liberation armies were preparing to cross the Yangtse river to "sweep away the Kuomintang murderers."

Magnifying last week's skirmishes between Nanking University students and Kuomintang Army veterans into "more than 200 killed, wounded, thrown in the river and missing," the Radio quoted from an editorial in the Communist New China News Agency and called Acting President Li Tsung-jen, the Premier, General Ho Ying-chin, and General Pai Chung-hsi "war criminals who must be captured alive."

It accused the Nanking Government of insincerity in the peace negotiations, and said that it was plotting for further war. The Nanking Government, it said, was "a gang of murderers who had not laid aside their butcher's knife."

The Radio read a sheaf of telegrams from student organisations in Communist areas sympathising with the Nanking students, and went on to claim the capture of all Honan Province, except for two isolated counties.

The broadcast did not alter the views of neutral observers that the Communists will issue a cease-fire order to appeal to the sentiments of the Chinese war-weary masses.

WAR OF NERVES

They described the broadcast as another thrust in the Communist war of nerves as the peace talks get under way.

Messages from Hankow last night said General Pai Chung-hsi had expressed confidence in his ability to defend the city, 300 miles west of the capital, as the Communist armies continue their advance south from Honan into Hupéi Province within 74 miles of Hankow.

Further Nationalist sources in Nanking last night confirmed a report from an authoritative source in the President's Office that the Chinese Communists have agreed, in preliminary exchanges with the Nationalist peace delegation visiting Peiping, to issue a cease-fire order.

They emphasised, however, that the Communist decision was a verbal one and it remained to be seen whether it would be confirmed by an order.

Police Search For Stanley

London, Apr. 4.—The police authorities today had still no news of Mr Sydney Stanley, the Lynskey Tribunal witness who failed to report to them on Saturday.

Scotland Yard last night ordered a widespread check at ports, airports and air companies.

Stanley is due to appear on Wednesday to answer a summons under the Bankruptcy Act. By failing to report to the police he has made himself liable to prosecution for a breach of the Aliens Order.

In New York today, Marcus Wolkstein, Stanley's brother, said he heard unofficially that Stanley might have reached Israel. "I was hopeful that my brother would go to Israel," he told Reuters. "I am, of course, anxious to know of his whereabouts."

NO KNOWLEDGE

A Reuter despatch from Tel-Aviv today said that nothing was known there of the whereabouts of Stanley. His lawyer, Mr Max Sellman, who had applied for but failed to secure an Israeli visa for Stanley, said he had "absolutely no knowledge" of Stanley's plans or movements.

The leaders of the Herut Party (formerly the Irgun Zvai Leumi terrorists), experts in smuggling people into Palestine, also professed ignorance of Stanley's movements.

An Israeli official spokesman stated definitely that if he did arrive in Israel without a visa he would be "returned whence he came" like any other visa-less person.

Some observers in Tel-Aviv believed nevertheless that Stanley—stated at the Tribunal already to have used six names in his career—might arrive under another name, with papers apparently in order.—Reuter.

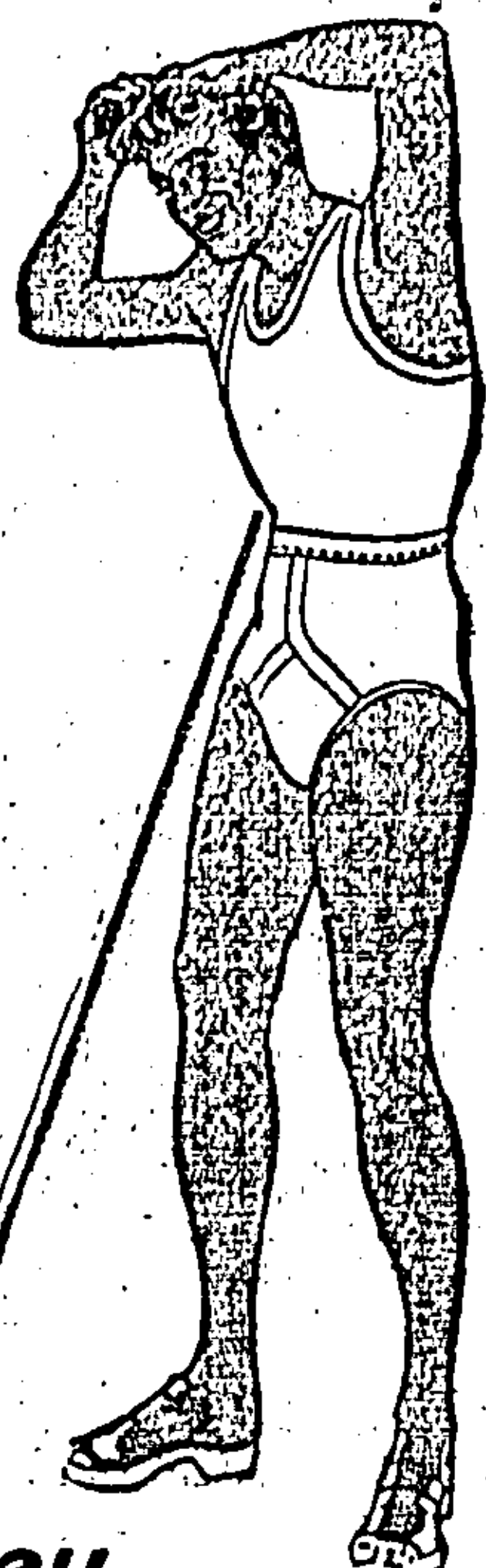
EDITORIAL

World Economic Balance

AS the world progresses towards an economic balance three factors acquire added emphasis. They are: First, the dependence on one another of many countries for supplies of food, raw materials and goods, expansion of trade and the eventual freeing of their monetary exchanges; secondly, the interest which each country—even currently prosperous—must take in one another's progress; and lastly, the need for greater international co-operation. As the day of world economic balance draws nearer so the sensitiveness of any one country to external events will increase. While, for instance a country may have perfected its plans to counter any incipient slump, once production begins to meet with the demands it will be impossible for it to insulate itself completely against a slump elsewhere. And so one aim should be towards increased collaboration on the order of the Marshall Aid scheme which has developed between the U.S.A. and Western Europe. An essential of this is the wider co-operation and greater exchange of information about economic affairs in every country. In this respect the United Nations is doing valuable work in a number of directions such as the recent publication "The Major Economic Change in 1948", which gives a fine summary of world progress last year. Agriculture, industrial production and raw materials are the essentials of full recovery. Taking them in turn, the United Nations' view on agriculture is that as a result of the substantially larger harvests in the summer of 1948 the supply of foodstuffs during 1949 will

be increased considerably. This is perhaps the most important economical development during the past year. Its importance is not limited to the possibilities which it brings of raising the food consumption levels and of further rehabilitating agriculture. The increased supplies of foodstuffs represent an added means of reducing inflationary pressure for expanding production generally, for increasing the volume of foreign trade and for alleviation of the international payment problem of many countries. Most indications point to the 1948-1949 agricultural season as being a bumper one for the world. The recovery in some European wheat and rye crops in the present season is expected to be very marked, the percentage increases on 1947 being estimated at 26% in Czechoslovakia, 170% in Denmark, 120% in France, 53% in the British and American zones of Germany, 32% in Italy, 34% in Holland, 46% in Poland and 38% in Britain. The total world food production has however, some way still to go before it catches up with demands. Secondly, as far as industrial production is concerned, the world needs for re-equipment purposes have naturally put heavy emphasis on all capital goods. Recovery or expansion is therefore generally much greater in the iron, steel, chemicals and engineering industries. Finally the world is beginning to produce more raw materials, and the general picture of progress toward economic balance is one of great encouragement, though much has still to be accomplished in the realms of production and distribution before the desired economic equilibrium is attained.

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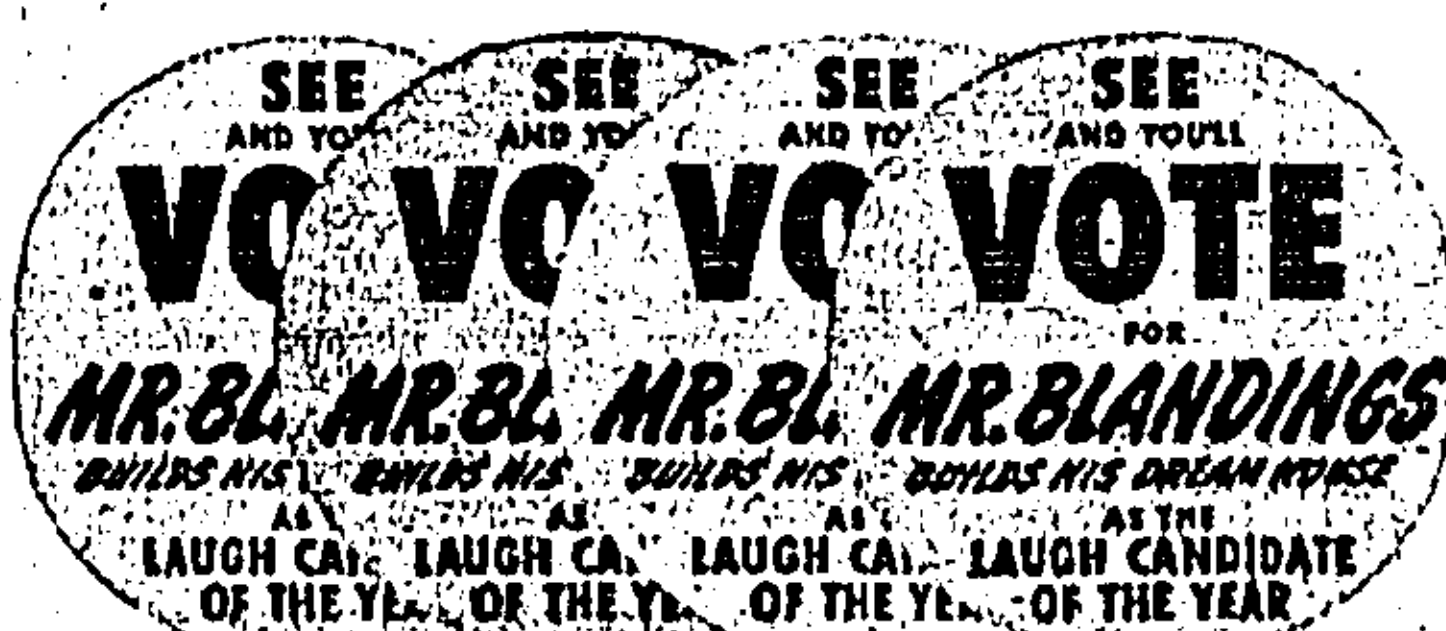


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CELEBRITIES ARE RECLINERS, SITTERS OR CHRONIC WALKERS' Hotel stenographer No. 1 knows secrets of great

By FREDERICK COOK

NEW YORK. WHEN the telephone rings on the desk of Elvie Linstedt, at New York's famous Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, she never knows whether the caller will be Rex Harrison, an Indian maharajah, Leonora Corbett—or even Winston Churchill. In her time as chief public stenographer at the Waldorf, she has worked for them all, and many others.

She knows more about the private life of the great ones of the earth than any gossip columnist.

From blonde, attractive Elvie Linstedt's point of view, celebrities fall into three distinct classifications: the recliners, the sitters, and the chronic walkers. Recliners include Miss Corbett and Elsa Maxwell, hostess and columnist. "Miss Maxwell likes to dictate while lying in bed," Miss Linstedt told me. "Leonora Corbett reclines on the sofa, embrodering between sentences, or dictating while putting her hair up or attending to her nail."

Sitters include Charles Chaplin, Rex Harrison and Bing Crosby. "Mr. Harrison dictates very clearly in a beautiful voice," she said. "Bing Crosby's speaking voice is soft—you have to listen hard—but it has a musical lilt, as if he would break into song at any moment."

"Charles Chaplin just sits with his head cocked on one side, as he used to do in his old comedies."

"He doesn't seem to be able to dictate without having his feet up on a chair."

Of the chronic walkers, Miss Linstedt remembers best comedian George Jessel, "who strides up and down the whole time with a huge cigar in his mouth. He never lights it, just chews it. He throws it away after about 10 minutes, and starts a new one. He loves to dictate in a room full of people. It never seems to distract him."

Not long after the film "Week-End" at the Waldorf made a hit, a young man walked into Miss Linstedt's office and



LANA TURNER
in the "Week-End" film.

asked, "Does Lana Turner still work here?" "She never did," said Miss Linstedt. "She did in the film," insisted the young man.

One morning a good-looking young man with a handsome girl on his arm strolled in and said, "I'd like to send a letter to my father."

Addressing one of the richest men in the world as "Dear Dad," he dictated a letter saying he would be home at the week-end with his bride.

"It turned out, just as I had expected, that the woman that was his son's girl was a pen-cil salesman from Brooklyn. 'She was a hat check girl from a night club. Nice girl, too, seemed to be very much in love with him. I don't think they were married. I still feel sorry for her.'"

Into the stenographer's office, from time to time, rush young men-about-town to dictate hasty billets-doux; financial wizards who want to dictate the details of some big scheme; stage stars

worried over a clause in a contract; crackpots of many sorts, including an ex-Government official with delusions of grandeur who completed plans for a banquet with 1,300 guests before he was quietly taken away.

Miss Linstedt typed the Fulton speech for Mr. Churchill. She typed candidates' speeches during the 1948 Presidential election. She listed the jewels brought over by the Maharajah of Baroda.

Answering her telephone one morning, she heard a voice say, "This is General Bedell-Smith. I am leaving tonight for Moscow. I'd like to have some documents typed to be ready at 1500 hours."

Over the telephone he dictated names and dates, places, quantities and half a dozen confidential despatches for 25 minutes.

"I never did meet him," said Miss Linstedt. "I sent the stuff up, and he telephoned to say 'thank you.'"

Seventy percent of the people who make use of the Waldorf stenographer No. 1 (she is part-owner of a prosperous printing business, on the side) are men, and for this she is grateful. "Men are more considerate. They dictate more clearly than women, with their ideas better sorted out. And they complain less."

Footnote.—English visitors, Miss Linstedt finds, are "nice to work for." They are fussy about grammar, and particularly about pronunciation. But they are grateful when work is well done, and generous in their praise. Scandinavians are content to leave the choice of the exact word to the typist.

The daily bath is of wonderful cosmetic value. It has a favourable effect upon the complexion. The skin is an organ of elimination; a grand old accessory helps it to do the work. The warm bath should be followed by a tepid or cold shower so that the skin is removed.

Cold water causes the skin to contract from the shock. The

A Daily Bath Will Relax You



By HELEN FOLLETT

TESTS have proved that the shower bath is much more sanitary than the tub. But it does not do a first-class cleaning job unless the entire body surface is thoroughly soaped. The majority of women prefer a prolonged soaking in the tub. It rests them and they enjoy the fragrance of bath salts, the effect of the salts upon the water, softening it, making the bath more thorough. Also, to remove dead skin scales and rustle up circulation one should use a brush with bristles that take hold like a guilty conscience.

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A Well-Prepared Vegetable Plate Is Good Lenten Fare

By ALICE DENHOFF

LEADING the lists of Lenten favourites and the most popular choice for all meatless menus, are fish, eggs and cheese. There are countless ways of serving these foods. Then of course there is that old but too oft-abused standby, the vegetable plate. Well prepared vegetables, nicely arranged for eye appeal, as well as texture and flavour interest, make a most inviting dish that starts on the menu of the finest restaurants. It is nice to contrast the smooth, creamy onion with crisp carrot straws and bright green beans. A baked potato may be stuffed with ruby beets and bright emerald green peas.

For a novel vegetable plate, try a novel cauliflower, green snap beans or spinach, and an individual mould of tomato aspic and mushrooms. This makes an excellent choice for a bridge luncheon for diet-conscious folk. Add 1 tsp. sugar, one small grated onion, bay leaf, salt and pepper to taste to 3 c. tomato juice; simmer for 5 min. Remove the bay leaf. Soften 2 tsp. gelatin in 1/2 c. cold water; add hot tomato liquid, and stir until gelatin is dissolved. Cool until mixture begins to thicken; add 4-oz. tin sliced mushrooms and one c. sliced radishes. Pour mixture into individual moulds. Chill until firm. Unmould and garnish with button mushrooms and button roses for a most attractive dish for 4 servings.

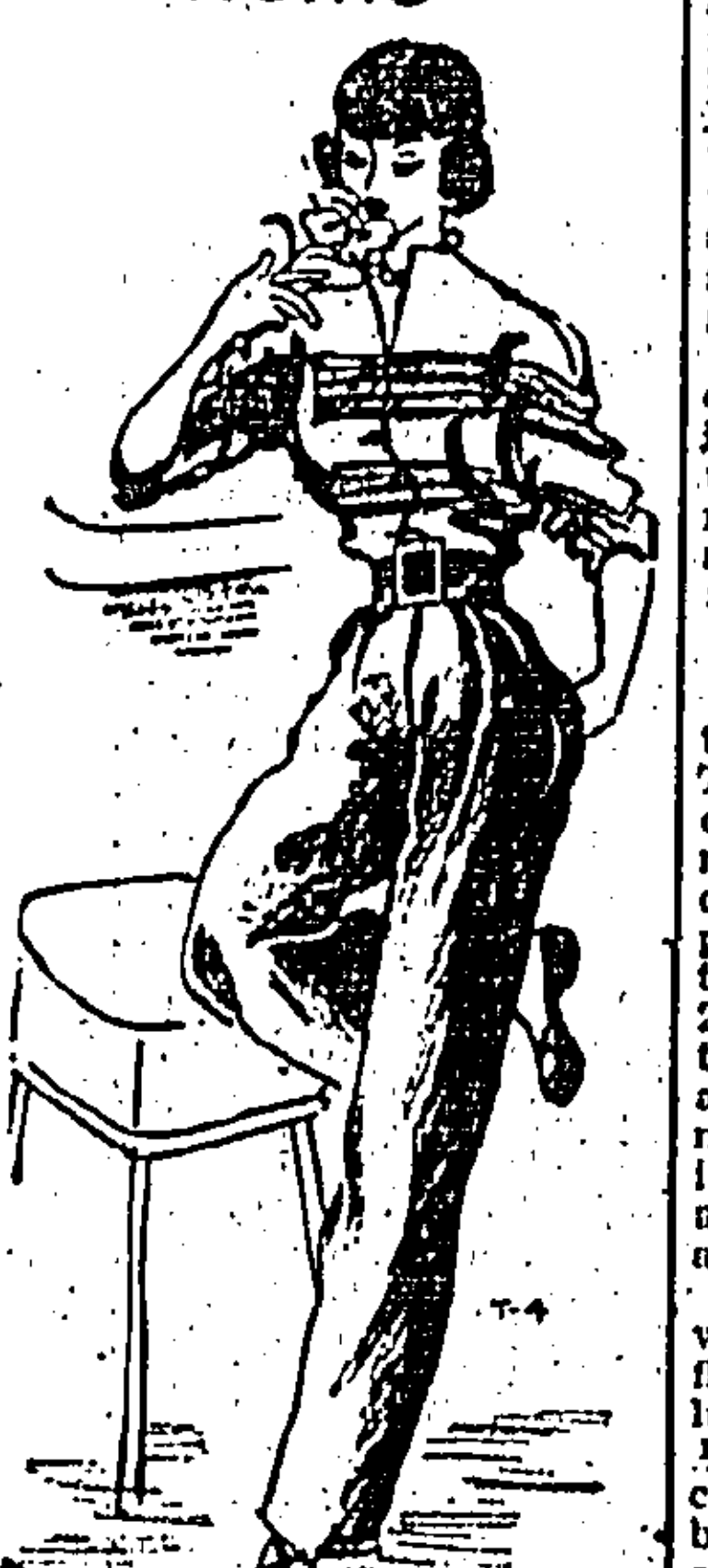
Cheese and Mushrooms
Cheese and mushrooms get together for a delicious dish. To serve 4, drain in 8-oz. tin of sliced mushrooms and mix mushrooms and one c. Swiss cheese, thinly cut into small pieces. Turn mixture into buttered baking dish or pan. Beat 2 eggs with 1/2 tsp. dry mustard, salt and pepper to taste, and 2 c. hot milk. Pour over mushrooms and cheese. Set dish in pan of hot water and bake at 250 F. until custard is set and cheese is melted. A mushroom omelette served with a tangy herb sauce is a fine choice for a company luncheon. To serve 4 measure 1/4 c. button mushrooms (1/3 contents of tin). Drain from liquid, slice coarsely. Beat 4 eggs with 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. light and fluffy. Add 4 tsp. water, 1/2 tsp. salt, and 1/2 c. drained, sliced mushrooms. Pour into hot, buttered omelette pan; cook over low heat. An omelette cooks, lift with spatula, allowing uncooked part to be underneath until it is smooth and firm; increase heat slightly, and brown under part quickly. Spread half the omelette with the mushroom herb sauce, fold over other half of omelette and turn onto hot platter. Garnish with grilled or fried apple rings, sprig of parsley and additional whole mushrooms.

Mocha Cake
Easy to prepare but so very good is a Mocha Refrigerator Cake. For 8 servings, split 25 lady fingers and put layer in bottom of 8x4x3-inch loaf pan. Cream 1/2 c. butter, add 2 egg yolks, 1/4 tsp. salt, 1/4 tsp. vanilla; beat thoroughly. Add gradually 3 c. sifted confectioners' sugar and 3 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted and 1/2 c. double-strength, freshly-made coffee that have been combined. Beat until light and fluffy. Put layer of filling on top of lady fingers, repeat alternating lady fingers and filling, ending up with a topping of lady fingers. Chill in refrigerator 24 hours. Unmould and serve with a swirl of whipped cream. **Coffee Custard Pie**, a flavour-egg with creamy custard, is a custom pie come along to wind up the coffee dessert parade. To make a 9-inch pie combine 3 well-beaten egg yolks with 1/2 c. sugar; blend in 1/4 c. evaporated milk and 3/4 c. freshly-made, double-strength coffee. Add 1/4 tsp. salt to 3 egg whites, and beat until stiff; add 1/4 c. sugar gradually, beating constantly. Fold into first mixture. Pour into an unbaked 9-inch pie shell. Bake at 425 F. for 10 min., then reduce temperature to a slow, 200 F. oven for 30 min. longer.



LEONORA CORBETT
An apt sofa-recliner.

Lounging Costume



By GRACE THORNCLEIFFE

THIS model is equally appropriate for holiday wear or for lounging at home in leisure hours. Black linen, creases resistant, with a silky finish, is used for these attractive lounging slacks that have trouser pleats at the waist and a matching leather-lined belt. The blouse is of white jersey, with two gray bands knitted right in. It has black buttons, rounded shoulders and push-up sleeves.

Spend Time With Your Children

By GARRY CLEVELAND MYERS, Ph.D.

RECENTLY I commended to fathers of boys the fine father-son plan of fun developed at Cleveland Park, a suburb of Washington, D.C. The Dad and Son Athletic Club for boys from seven to fourteen. Remember, that for a boy to join this club his father has to join, and participate.

I reminded you of the startling facts revealed in a report by the Crime Prevention Bureau of the Detroit Police Department that 80 percent of the boys from ten to seventeen in Detroit who "have gone wrong," came from "good" families and that over 90 percent of them said they liked their homes but complained that their parents did not find time to have fun with them.

Has Significance

Now taking time to have fun with children has far more significance than is apparent on the surface. When, for example, the dad of that Cleveland Park Athletic Club participate with their own sons they build some good father-son relationships which carry beyond the club. Besides the father can know his son better from seeing him in many contacts with adults and other boys. He can find good ways of guiding him at learning self-control.

I also held that best preparation for a father to share in such fun as that athletic club affords has begun in early infancy. Here again, as the father shares in the physical care of the infant, reads to the tot and young child, makes things with him, encourages his creations, provides

Fire Silhouettes

Reinier presents five all-outrights—the "flying jib," which teams a flare back waistlength jacket with a slim skirt; the "belled bolero," a brief jacket curved to hug the bosom over either a slim or flared skirt; the "side kick" in which skirt fullness is concentrated at either front or back side with an up-swinging hemline to mark the spot; "diabolo," an unevenly filled and hemmed skirt most prominent in cocktail and dinner costumes, and "rocket," used to describe those stiff flares and pleats of a peplum or tunic over a slim underskirt.

Gayest of the "flying jibs" is a black and white checked jacket with a red lining which snows in a breeze beneath the swinging pleated back. It is worn either hanging straight in front or belted above a slim black skirt.

The Samuel Kass collection features a "cat drop" skirt, round at the hip and narrower at the knees.—United Press.

Household Hint

The dusting of your sleeping rooms should properly be one of the last tasks of the morning. Bedding should be thrown back over the foot of the bed to air during the early morning hours; then the beds can be made up and an interval of at least two hours should elapse before the room is dusted. This period allows time for the settling of the dust shaken into the air by the making of the beds.

Less Punishment

The more time the father spends having fun with the growing child, the less punishment he will find occasion to administer, obviously. How much more effective any necessary corrective measures of his will be because of all the fun the father has had with the infant, tot or older child. Furthermore, consider the opportunities the father has during hours of leisure and enjoyment with his child to influence him with his words, such as: "This is right," "that is wrong," "Moral instruction with words can be very potent when given in a favourable, emotional atmosphere."

Inevitably, the father will discover that his lad over five or six will need to be required to do a few necessary regular jobs about the home. As I pointed out in earlier articles, many parents in the better economic areas have been over-ready to accept the prevailing philosophy of excessive self-expression. When fathers in these areas spend time enough with their children they will not only see more clearly the need of adequate restraints and requirements, but will also find effective ways of administering such and still maintain the companionship, esteem and love of their children.

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



TEACHING PAPA—As the one-millionth man to join the Expectant Fathers' Club, James Trammell gets a lesson in Washington, with a baby as a practical model.



PRIZE WINNER—For the first time in the history of the White House News Photographers' Association, in Washington, three first prizes, one third prize and the grand prize went to a single photographer, Frank Cancellare, top notch Washington cameraman. One of his prize winners was this picture of a soldier and his girl beneath the cherry blossoms around Washington's Tidal Basin.



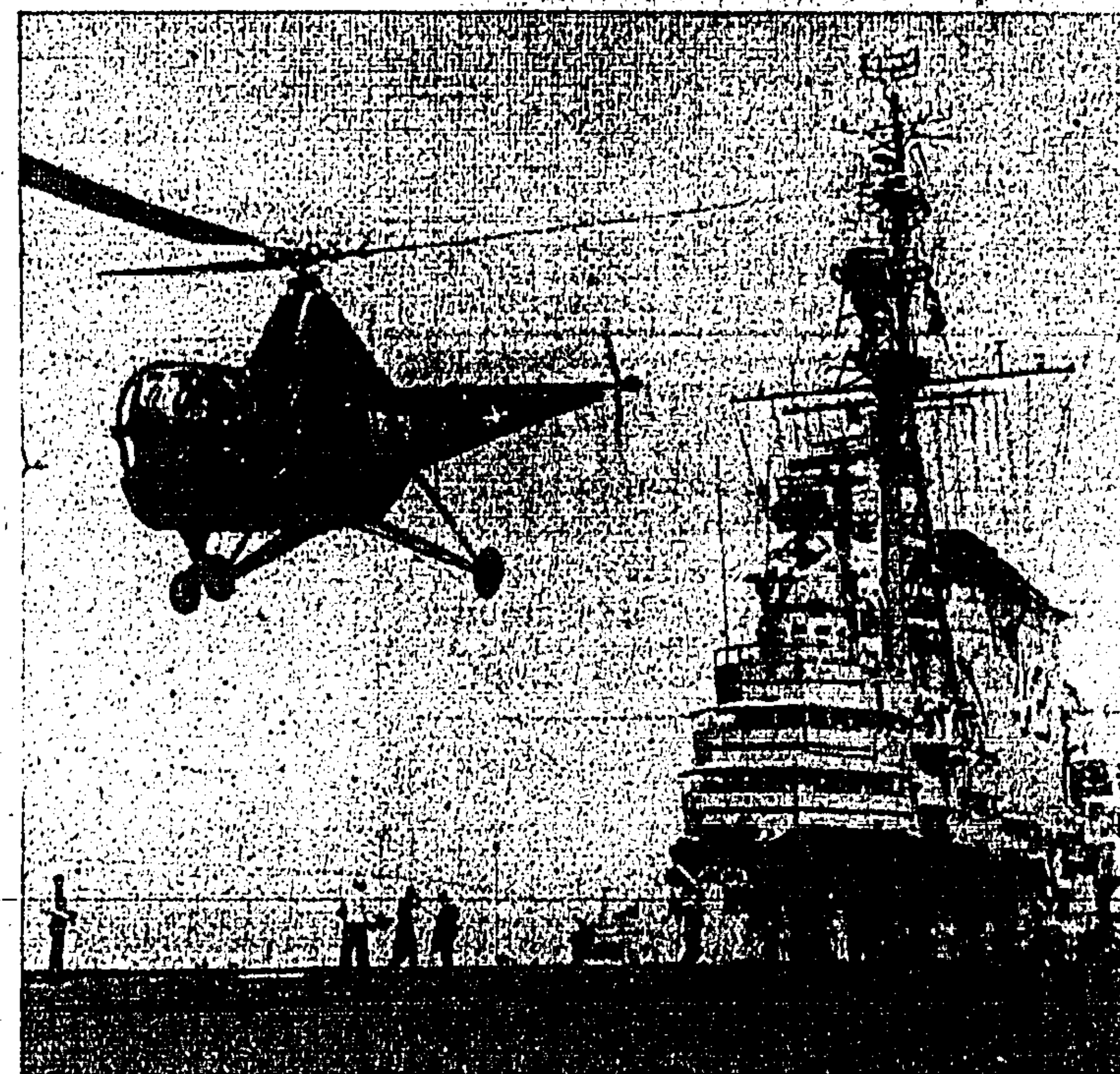
TOGETHER AGAIN—M/Sgt John D. Kent, of Fort Worth, Texas, is reunited with his Italian bride in Milan. Kent met his wife during the war. They took their marriage vows last December by phone from their home towns.



CHART WORK—Leading an expedition in Panama, Dr Matthew W. Stirling, of Washington, D.C., looks over a map with his wife and crew members of a plane from the USAF Caribbean Air Command. After spotting his objective from the helicopter, which landed the party nearby, Dr Stirling unearthed relics of an American civilisation antedating the arrival of Christopher Columbus.



OUT OF RUINS—When workmen removed this bell from the belfry of the Memory Church in the British sector of Berlin, they found it was the only one undamaged. The heavy bombing of the city during the war had harmed all the others. Preparations are being made to demolish the shell of the destroyed church.



TAKING OFF—A helicopter takes off from the deck of the aircraft carrier USS Franklin Roosevelt as the U.S. Atlantic Fleet stages its largest postwar exercises in the Caribbean.



EARLY BEGINNERS—When the principal of a school in Osaka, Japan, tried to combat juvenile delinquency, he organised a music group. The children were told to bring musical instruments to school, and during the early rehearsals these toy xylophones became an important part of the orchestra.



PLAYING FOR WORK—This street musician, in Rome, displays a large sign with a request for employment. But he doesn't want a job as a musician. The lower sign explains that he'd prefer work as a mechanic.



DRAMATIC—Opera star Gladys Swarthout introduces this mantilla for evening wear. The sequined ebony net is embroidered with black teardrop crystals. A lace fan complements it.

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GUARD OF HONOUR

FOOD FACTS

The Belgians are eating as well as prewar

BRUSSELS.
No. 21, Rue de Pyretres, in the Brussels suburb of Boitsfort, is one of those little two-storey houses of which there are rows and rows in Brussels and rows in Wembley or Willesden—except that these houses in Boitsfort are prettier and built with more imagination.

No. 21 has a lawn in front with shrubs and Japanese cherry trees which flower in spring, a useful vegetable plot at the back. No. 21 looks exactly like its neighbours.

I called there in between visiting the Belgian Ministry of Economic Affairs and a host of other offices where experts deal with economic policies and figures.

For at No. 21 live the Mazijns, father and mother and 14-year-old daughter, about as average a Belgian family as you will find anywhere.

I WANTED to see and hear for myself how people like the Mazijns are getting along in this country which has led the way in Europe by abolishing rationing and food subsidies.

Antoine Mazijn is a printer, earning about £8 a week, of which £7 is left when taxes and social dues have been taken off.

I had met him the day before, in the printing shop of one of Brussels' biggest Flemish newspapers, putting the last touches to the front page.

I told Mazijn that it had been said by a very high authority in Britain that Belgian workers were worse off today than before rationing was dropped, because prices in Belgium are so high, in this British expert's opinion, that the Belgians cannot afford to eat, and that British workers are doing better on their rations than the Belgian workers.

Antoine Mazijn's reaction was the same as that of all other Belgians, highly and lowly placed, to whom I had told this and, for that matter, of the British residents, too, with whom I discussed the great man's affirmation.

He roared with laughter. "Come out to my home and talk to the wife," he said.

THAT invitation, however, did not stop this sandy-haired, frail-looking man with the friendly eyes from giving me there and then a picture of the unrationed eating he was doing himself—an account which made me wonder enviously how anyone could put down so much and look so thin.

To gist of what he told me was that: (1) he and his family are eating more plentifully and with more variation than they were when food was still on

coupons in Belgium. Above all, that they are eating more meat than before, and more butter; (2) that they are spending more on food now than last year, although for many things—chocolate and margarine, for instance—prices have come down since rationing was abandoned.

The reason was, he said, that they were doing now what they had been unable to do under rationing—the Mazijns were eating as much and as well as they did before the war.

Mazijn insisted that he and his family were no better off than the majority of Belgian workers, none of whom got less than 900 francs (£5 10s.) a week. Most of them got about the same as he did, and some a bit more.

"When I am on the day shift at the printing shop," said Mazijn, "I do not have much breakfast. I have a cup of coffee and milk—we drink an awful lot of coffee and get through about 2lb. a week—and two large slices of bread and an egg, boiled or fried."

"My wife," he continued, as though apologising for this economy, "only cooks meat in butter, and of course, pastry in butter, but vegetables and eggs she does mostly in margarine."

"I take a half-litre (roughly four-fifths of a pint) of coffee with me, and four good, thick slices of bread and butter, and something to go with the bread. I mostly have egg, bacon, or a cold omelette or a piece of meat or some cheese. At midday I have a snack in the newspaper canteen, for which I pay ten francs (1s. 2d.) a month. The firm pays the rest." (NOTE: The firm pays 1s. 9d. a head extra for every meal served, their accountants informed me.)

"It is a good meal," said Mazijn, with relish, "with a soup, a dish of six to eight good potatoes on it, and some vegetables, and a piece of meat."

"The family at home eat meat almost every day for their midday meal, though not on Fridays, of course. When they do not have meat they have fish or eggs, often eggs and bacon."

IN the evening? M. Mazijn continued: "We usually eat at six o'clock—I got off at four. We have a dish of potatoes most days with some vegetables or

eggs or meat. Or perhaps the wife will cook up a dish of macaroni done in butter with tomato, eggs and a cream cheese sauce poured over it. Do you know that? It is delicious."

Delicious it certainly is. When I called at Mazijn's home the macaroni was in the oven just about ready for lunch. Mme. Mazijn, a typical Flemish housewife, insisted on my tasting this, and a wonderful dish of leeks she was cooking in butter.

Her household expenses she told me, average about £20 a month, and they include such items as shoemaker, tram, subscription to the syndicate, and health insurance. Rent comes to £4 a month. What is left goes in paying for clothes and school for her daughter, Christiane.

Mme. Mazijn gave me a list of prices from her local stores. "Of course," she said, "to be able to live as we do you have to shop carefully. There is competition again among the shops, and you have to make sure that you are buying at the right price, at the right time."

Here are some of the prices on her shopping list.

MEAT: best quality roasting beef, 2s. 11d. a lb. Boiling beef with bone, 1s. 2d. a lb. Mutton chops, 1s. 3d. a lb. Shoulder of mutton, without bone, 1s. 8d. a lb. Rump steak without bone, 1s. 10d. a lb. Beef kidneys, 8d. a lb. Sheep's liver, 8d. a lb.

BACON: salt or smoked, 3s. 6d. a lb. BUTTER from 4s. 1d. to 4s. 8d. a lb., depending on quality. MARGARINE: 2s. 1d. a lb. EGGS: 2d. each. MILK: 10d. a 12-pint approx. Thick, fresh CREAM 2s. 6d. for the same quantity.

SO much for M. and Mme. Mazijn. Since I left them I have been busy checking with other people to see how far their story is normal.

From the young taxi-driver earning £8 a week on which to keep himself and his wife—all confirm it.

The white-aproned waitress who served me a plentiful three-course lunch, including a rump steak, for 6s. 4d. confirms it.



Mr Mazijn (a pools fan), his wife and daughter—together a typical Belgian family from Brussels.

The statisticians charged with working out the Belgian cost-of-living index confirm, too, the picture Mazijn had given me of life in ration-free Belgium today.

And, indeed, to a West European there is nothing startling about it.

For Belgium's recovery of her pre-war standard of living is part of the general phenomenon of West Europe's great food recovery.

I have so far been through four different countries since I set out on this inquiry. Four, that is, if you will allow me to treat the Soviet zone of Germany as a country distinct and separate from West Germany.

Only in one country, the Soviet zone, did I find people still queuing and fighting for food, talking of it incessantly and still going hungry.

IN Holland I found a great difference. When I arrived there in the old days they used to hand me a bunch of ration tickets at the airport. They do not bother about that any more.

For Holland is well on her way to abandoning rationing altogether. In order to prepare herself for economic union with free trading, unrationed Belgium, the Dutch Government has pledged itself to end all rationing by January 1 next year.

Eggs, flour, sugar, biscuits, chocolate, sweets, jam, and macaroni are all free again and off points. Only butter, margarine, cheese, meat, rice, and coffee are still rationed.

What is more, Holland is also dropping the system of food subsidies.

Thus they save 300 million guilders (£28,037,000), probably more. First result of this is to be a reduction in the income tax on lower and middle range incomes.

In Holland, too, prices are beginning to drop as a consequence of the removal of controls and the stimulus of free competition.

Grocers are even trying to under-bid each other on sugar, eggs, and biscuits. All have got cheaper. The big chain stores are even offering at 10 percent rebate once more.

IT'S RISKY TO WRITE A NOVEL

By FREDERICK COOK

NEW YORK.

If it's a quiet life you want, never write a novel. It might turn out to be another *Gone With the Wind*. Then you will never know another moment's real peace.

You will turn overnight from a happy nonentity to a world celebrity, with all the disadvantages as well as the money. People will telephone you years afterwards, often in the middle of the night; your mail will be so heavy it has to be delivered by the

snail; you will have to become practically an international lawyer to cope with your copyright problems.

This—and a lot more—is what writing a best-seller (probably the best-seller of them all) has meant to Margaret Mitchell, most of whose *Gone With the Wind* came to life between 1926 and 1939 and was first published in 1936.

"THIS IS PEGGY"

Now, 13 years later, it has handsomely passed Uncle Tom's Cabin as the widest-selling piece of fiction ever published. There are those in the American literary world who suspect that it is overhauling the Bible itself in point of sales volume.

Margaret Mitchell was a staff feature writer on her hometown newspaper, the *Atlanta Journal*, in Georgia, when she started to write her story. She wrote and re-wrote for years.

In 1936 a talent scout for the New York offices of the Macmillan Company spent a couple of days in Atlanta looking for new authors. Friend told him he ought to meet Peggy Mitchell, then a girl in her twenties, the wife of John Marsh, a local advertising man.

He said he would like to. An hour or so later his hotel room telephone rang. "This is Peggy," Mitchell said. "I'm downstairs."

The talent scout, Mr. H. S. Latham, found a tiny woman sitting on a divan and beside her the biggest manuscript he had ever seen, towering in two stacks almost up to her shoulders.

FIVE-ROOM FLAT

Margaret Mitchell and her husband still live in a five-room flat in Atlanta. Their only servant is a negro cook. The business side of her book was taken care of until three years ago, when he became ill, by Mr. Marsh. Now a full-time secretary keeps the records and Margaret Mitchell makes the decisions.

She confessed today that she has not read her book since she excitedly thumbed through the first complimentary copy 13 years ago.

"I simply haven't had time," she said. "I'm a little disconcerted and somewhat amazed at its success, for after all both Scarlett O'Hara and Rhett Butler are fundamentally dishonest people and immoral."

"I have always disapproved of both of them, even disliked them. The book is popular nowadays with teen-agers. I'm told. When I was that age (she is in her early forties now) my parents would never have allowed me to read a book of that sort."

WORRIES are mounting about too much food in America. Bumper crops of almost everything are in sight and, with the Government committed to maintain floors under most prices, tax authorities are concerned about the burden.

Biggest problem, it seems likely, will be wheat. Salmon-packers are worrying about the growing popularity of tuna. A flood of whisky is predicted for the first time since the war.

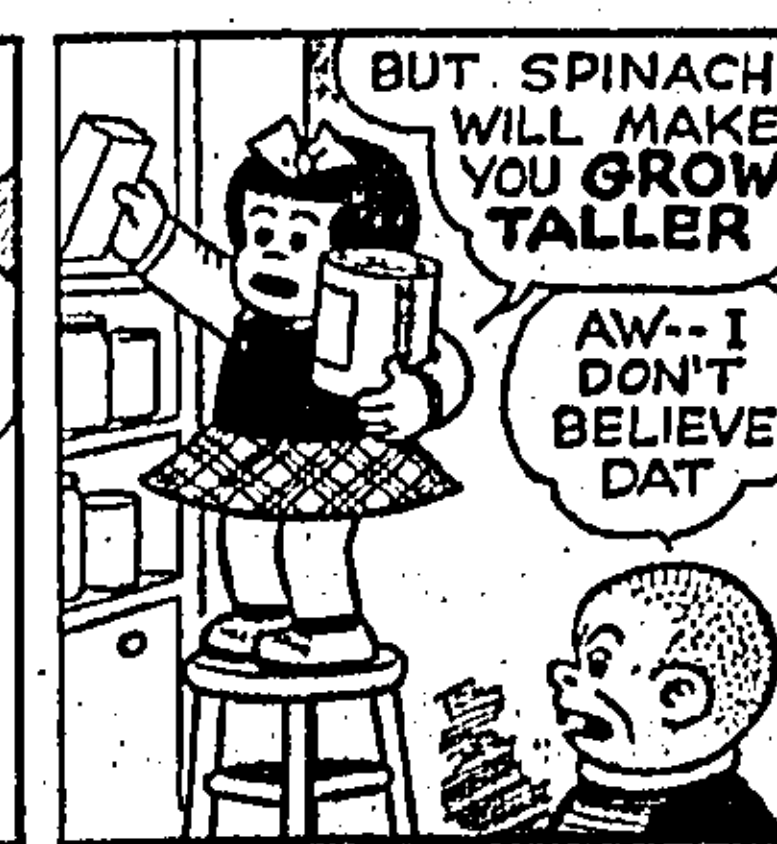
UNESCO solemnly reports: "In the animal world the tangled problems of national borders do not exist. Fifteen baboons have been flown from Amsterdam to the Moscow Zoo. Russia shipped polar bears, camels, deer and porcupines to the Netherlands. British and Belgian animals have exchanged lion cubs."

What all this—paid for by the taxpayers of member nations—has to do with the real work of Uno nobody at Lake Success can explain.

THE town of Minnesota, in Minnesota, is warning: "NOTICE—Get your dog licence now, or bang-bang—no dog."

NANCY

Raising the Proof



By Ernie Bushmiller



Hongkong Rope Co's Output Increased

\$776,000 PROFIT DISCLOSED

A net profit of \$776,180.15 was reported at the 60th ordinary yearly meeting of the Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company Limited, held at the offices of the Company, Chung Tin Building, this morning with Mr Albert Raymond (Chairman of the Board of Directors) presiding.

Mr Raymond said that the output of rope showed a considerable increase over the previous year and the hemp market, which was still influenced by exchange controls and official buying, had remained firm.

Addressing the meeting the Chairman said:

In the Accounts now before you the result of the year's trading is a net profit of \$776,180.15 which includes interest on Mortgage and Bonds totalling \$118,094.19. This profit, added to the balance brought forward from last Account and the sum of \$18,812, provision for Corporation Profits Tax no longer required, makes a balance at credit of Profit and Loss Appropriation Account of \$928,068.08 which your Directors recommend be dealt with as follows:

Transfer to Staff Superannuation Fund	100,000.00
Transfer to Staff Superannuation Fund	7,500.00
Transfer to Chinese Staff Superannuation Fund	5,000.00
Transfer to Corporation Profits Tax	104,105.00
Transfer to Bad and Doubtful Debts Reserve	5,000.00
Proposed Bonus to Staff and Workers for 1948	33,735.00
Proposed Dividend of \$1 per share, free of tax	200,000.00
Proposed Bonus of \$1 per share, free of tax	200,000.00
Carry forward to 1949	197,733.08
Total	\$928,068.08

These recommendations have been incorporated in the Accounts.

From time to time your Directors have given consideration to the completion of the scheme for modernization of our plant, which was interrupted by the war, and though they do not propose to embark on heavy capital expenditure at this present time, recommend the transfer of \$100,000 to Plant Replacement Reserve which they propose to strengthen by the transfer of the amount of \$150,000 at credit of General Reserve.

PLANT REPLACEMENT

Further substantial sums will have to be paid over the next four or five years as we are faced with the task, which is attracting much attention everywhere, of replacing a post-war plant for which depreciation has been provided for on the original cost.

For instance, it would now take £6,000 to replace four machines which originally cost £3,000 and the money accumulated through depreciation will only buy two machines, the output of this section of our factory would be halved, and this reduction could only be remedied by raising new capital, which would be unsound finance.

In saying this, I am aware that it is impossible to forecast accurately the price which we may be called upon to pay for new plant, but I would fall in my duty were I not to impress on you the necessity of providing for the maintenance of that part of our Capital which is invested in fixed assets, by the allocation of sums to offset the loss in value of those fixed assets over and above the depreciation on book values shown in the accounts.

I trust that the provision for Bonus to Staff and Workers, who have again done very good work, will have your approval, as also the proposed allocation of \$100,000 to Staff Superannuation Fund which is intended to augment the amounts at credit of the Staff Provident Fund, of certain members whose retirement after long and faithful service is impending. In this connection I regret to have to tell you that, in spite of prolonged sick leave, the health of our Secretary, Mr F. J. Taverne, has not improved to the extent of enabling him to resume his duties and your Board have reluctantly been compelled to terminate his employment as from the end of this month.

In view of his long and faithful service your Directors voted him a retiring gratuity which will be debited to the proposed Staff Superannuation Fund. If approved, and I am sure you will join with me in wishing him recovery of his health, twenty-four flats of our House Property at Kennedy Town have been rehabilitated and

there remain eight which it is intended to reconstruct during the year. The return from rents appears to be in line with that on other property in that district.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, Stocks and Stores have been valued as usual at cost on under Depreciation on Plant and Buildings has been provided for on the customary basis and our Current Assets exceed Current Liabilities by \$789,935.20. Apart from the increase in Payments in Advance, due to purchases of hemp, I do not think there are any other points requiring comment.

OUTPUT UP

Our output of Rope showed a considerable increase over the previous year and the Hemp market, which is still influenced by exchange controls and official buying, has remained firm. We have in hand and on order a good stock of raw material, and it is not anticipated that the production of Manila hemp this year will much exceed half the pre-war balings.

Our deliveries for the first quarter of this year are in excess of those for the corresponding period of last year, but you are doubtless aware of the unsettled political situation prevailing in a number of the Far Eastern countries which formerly were good markets for our Rope, and will not expect me to prophesy regarding our future prospects.

I hope you consider the result of the past year's working satisfactory, but I must point out that, due to the conservative policy of your Directors in past years, there has been achieved with assets worth considerably more than the figures at which they appear in the Balance Sheet and, in amplification of my earlier remarks, the profit shown in the Profit and Loss Account does not indicate by how much the depreciation based on book values falls short of the provision necessary for replacement of plant.

I now beg to propose that the Report and Accounts together with the Appropriations therein recommended be adopted and passed and that the balance of \$197,733.08 be carried forward to next account.

RE-ELECTIONS

On the proposal of Mr R. V. Lederhofer, seconded by Mr S. L. Granville, Mr S. T. Williamson and Mr A. Raymond were re-elected to the Board.

The Chairman: The next business is the appointment of Auditors, and Messrs Percy Smith & Co. and Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co. offer themselves for reappointment. They have approached the Board for an increase in their fees of \$500 each, and this, after due consideration, your Directors have agreed as being reasonable.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Can't you deduct that dinner we gave your boss? Surely that's business expenses!"

BABICH FACES JUDGE



Milton Babich, 19, (left) appears before Judge Roland J. Steine at a habeas corpus hearing, in Milwaukee. At right is Deputy Dist. Atty. John S. Barry. Dist. Atty. W. J. McCauley later issued a warrant charging Babich with the slaying of Patricia Birmingham, sister of his bride, Kathleen, 17. McCauley said Babich made a statement to him admitting he killed Patricia. — AP Picture.

GOVT. TROOPS MOP UP IN MANDALAY

Recapture Of Maymyo Expected Soon

Rangoon, Apr. 4.—Government troops today mopped up pockets of insurgents in Mandalay, the central Burma temple city and capital of the ancient Burmese kings, which was recaptured from the Karens and Communists last night.

The main force of the insurgents had retreated from Mandalay along the road to Maymyo, a hill station 40 miles to the north-east, as the Government troops advanced.

About 120 Karens and Communists were killed and 30 captured before the town was completely recaptured. Government troops entered the town after a fortnight's occupation by the rebels, according to the latest official reports.

An official spokesman stated that Government troops had recaptured Tongyi, an insurgent stronghold three miles north of Maymyo, and were launching a two-pronged attack on Maymyo itself, which was expected to fall "any day."

At Insein, the Karen-occupied town 13 miles north of Rangoon, 200 rebels surrendered today to "White Band" forces.

SMALLPOX SCARE

London, Apr. 4.—The Ministry of Health revealed today that a passenger who died at sea on April 1, aboard the liner Mooltan, had been suffering from smallpox, and warned that further cases might develop among those who left the ship at London and Marseilles.

The Mooltan arrived in London from Australia on April 2, with 953 passengers and 411 crew. Local authorities have been advised of the names of all persons aboard the ship, including a number who left without vaccination when it called at Marseilles—and the addresses to which they have gone.—Reuter.

Anglo-Siamese Arms Deal

London, Apr. 4.—Britain is selling sufficient arms to the Siamese Government to complete the equipment of five infantry battalions stationed in Southern Siam, the Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, told Parliament today.

The agreement for this transaction had been reached through normal diplomatic channels, he said. The Siamese battalions would use the arms to preserve order on the Siam-Malay border in co-operation with the security forces of the Malay Federation.

The British Government had also offered to supply a small quantity of equipment and arms for Siamese police units co-operating with the British security forces in the border area, he added.

Mr Mayhew was replying to an inquiry for information by Mr D. N. Pritt, an Independent Labour Member.—Reuter.

Mr Calwell Seeks New Immigration Restrictions

Canberra, Apr. 4.—The Australian Cabinet will meet on Thursday to consider legislation proposed by the Immigration Minister, Mr Arthur Calwell, for a stringent tightening of the Immigration Act. It was authoritatively learned here today.

Two weeks ago, Mr Calwell announced that he would seek amendments to correct the weaknesses disclosed in the Act by the Australian High Court judgment in favour of Mrs Annie O'Keefe, who sought an injunction against deportation. Mrs O'Keefe, an Indonesian, came to Australia as a refugee during the war and married an Australian.

The High Court, by a majority decision, ruled that she was not a "prohibited immigrant" upon her arrival in Australia and had not been asked to submit to a dictation test within five years of landing here, as required under the present Immigration Act.

The dictation test is used to establish whether a person is a prohibited immigrant. Any language may be used for the test.

The proposed new legislation is expected to provide:

1.—For the deportation of aliens for political reasons—for the first time in Australian history—and that aliens may be deported without explanation.

2.—For legalising the deportation of hundreds of war-time alien refugees who have already actually been deported.

3.—For the tightening of the Act to enable the Immigration Minister to round up the remaining aliens whom it is desired to deport and to empower the Minister to deport them.

The amending legislation is expected to be submitted to the next session of the Commonwealth Parliament, opening on or about May 18.—Reuter.

Atlantic Pact Signed

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nation, and I am satisfied that the step we are taking has the almost unanimous approval of the British people.

"Like other signatories, my country has had forced upon it the great task of fighting two world wars—against aggression within a period of a quarter of a century.

"The cost in human life and treasure was appalling. Succeeding generations in the period following each struggle over a wide area of the world were thrown into a state of uncertainty and harassed by wars of nerves and civil wars.

"The common people, who only want to live in peace, have been unable to follow their peaceful pursuits or to sleep safely in their beds.

"They have seen their constitutions crushed—constitutions in which they thought they had made their liberty secure.

"We have witnessed a period in which, while the countries represented here have been striving to rehabilitate the world and to restore it to prosperity and sanity, they have been constantly frustrated in their efforts."

ONLY COURSE LEFT

"We have all tried with genuine desire and high purpose to build an effective United Nations. We have endeavoured to make its machinery work and to create high confidence in this great world organisation so as to enable it to establish security for all the peoples of the world.

"But so far our hopes have not been fully realised. What course then was left to us? We had to get together and build with such material as were available to us, and this material was happily at hand in this great Atlantic community, with a common outlook and desire for peace."

"The countries whose representatives are signing this great Pact today are composed of peace-loving peoples with spiritual affinities, but they also have great pride in their skill and their production and in their achievement in mastering the forces of nature and harnessing the great resources of the world for the benefit of mankind. Our peoples do not glorify war but they will not shrink from it if aggression is threatened."—Reuter.

Crowds Flock To Cemeteries

Shops Close For Ching Ming

Today is Ching Ming, the day which Chinese custom for thousands of years has set aside as the day on which the living pay tribute to their ancestors.

Many Chinese shops and business offices have declared today's holiday to visit the graves of their relatives. Buses to the cemeteries have been crowded this morning, and hire cars have been busy.

Thousands of Chinese have left the Colony in the past week for their homes in Kwangtung on their annual pilgrimage to the graves of their ancestors. The railway authorities have been running five trains a day to Canton since April 1 instead of the usual four, and have carried out of Hongkong an average of 5,000 passengers daily.

There has also been a heavy demand for plane and steamship passages. The Government will maintain the five trains a day schedule for some days to cater for the return of the pilgrims.

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Radio Hongkong
H.K.T. Programme Summary: 6.01, Children's Story: "Toy Town"; 6.30, Cantonese by Radio: Given by Miss Lee Wai-lan & S. K. Lee; 7.00, American Letter by Allister Cooke (London Relay); 7.15, "Down Home" Way: With Felix Mendelssohn's Hawaiian Serenade; 7.30, "Down Memory Lane": With Alleen Woods (Radio); 8.00, World News and News Analysis (London Relay); 8.15, "Meet the Stars": Grand Hotel; 8.30, Albert Sandler & Palm Court Orchestra with the Editorials (Radio); 9.00, Interlude: 9.15, The Brannon Trust: Guest: Lord Sarnell; 9.30, Ditty: King-Hall; 9.45, Question: Master: Gilbert Harding (Radio); 10.00, Chamber Music Recital: "Sonata" Sonata in A Major (Caesar Franck) • Artur Schnabel
Puris, Apr. 4.—The four representatives in Paris of Dr Ho Chi-minh, the Vietnam revolutionary leader, who described themselves as the semi-official representatives of the Vietnam Revolutionary Movement, were today indicted in Paris for subversive activities. They will be tried before the Paris correctional courts.—Reuter.

FINALIST



D. C. Lau, of the Chinese YMCA, who will contest the Junior Singles Final in the Colony Badminton Championships with M. T. Yeow of the University at the Kowloon Cricket Club tonight.

AIRMEN'S "OLYMPICS"

The Air Command Far East Games, known more popularly as the RAF "Olympics" started at Singapore yesterday with RAF (Hongkong) beating RAF (Malaya) 3-0 in the semi-final round of the football competition and winning again from RAF (Malaya) by six matches to nil in the semi-final of the team tennis tournament.

RAF (Hongkong) was represented in the tennis tournament by A.C. J. S. Belme, Eng. II "Paddy" Doyle, Sgt. Hamilton and Cpl. E. W. Hayhurst. Four singles and two doubles matches were played.

Today's programme will be the semi-finals of the cricket tournament in the morning and final in the afternoon.

The RAF "Olympics" continue to April 14. RAF (Hongkong) has sent a team of 41. The programme includes hockey, seven-a-side rugby, shooting and yachting.

RAF stations represented are Ceylon, Singapore, Changi (two teams), Seletar (three teams), Rest of Malaya and Hongkong.

The Malaya teams started the Games earlier with elimination rounds in the various tournaments, the teams coming from further afield starting from the semi-final round.

INVITATION FROM NEW ZEALAND

An Emergency Meeting of the Committee of the Hongkong Lawn Tennis Association was held yesterday to consider a query received from the New Zealand Lawn Tennis Association in connection with a British Empire Lawn Tennis Tournament it is planning to organize in connection with the British Empire Games in February, 1950.

The Hongkong LTA was asked to what extent it required a subsidy toward travelling expenses if it wished to send a team.

The HKLTA decided to reply that it would send a team if full expenses were paid as it was in no position to afford the expenses. Air travel alone for a team of four players would cost a minimum HK\$10,000.

DUBUC NOT COMING

The ranking French tennis player, Dubuc, who was due here for a series of exhibition matches against local players has ended the HKLTA that he is unable to make the trip as it conflicts with a previous engagement that necessitates his immediate return to Paris.

BADMINTON FINALS START TONIGHT

The finals of the Senior Mixed Doubles, the Men's Junior Singles and the Ladies' Doubles will be played at the Kowloon Cricket Club tonight as the Colony Badminton Championships reach the decisive stage of the tournament.

Best match of the evening should be the first on the programme, at 8 p.m., in which D. C. Lau of the Chinese YMCA meets M. T. Yeow of Hongkong University for the Junior Singles Championship.

On past showing, D. C. Lau should win as he has shown consistency in form and has a wide repertoire of strokes which will stand him in good stead against a player like M. T. Yeow, who is spectacular in his recoveries to the extent that he often leaves himself open for the kill.

However, Yeow, in his semi-final match, proved himself to be a very versatile player. He is a resourceful player and has stamina to last the whole distance. If in top form, he may pull off the unexpected.

LADIES' DOUBLES

After the brilliant display put up by the experienced Recreio partnership of Miss Myrtle Silva & Miss Margaret Xavier in the semi-finals, they should win over the KCC pair, Mrs L. F. Stokes & Mrs Adie Tamworth, whom they are meeting tonight for the Ladies' Doubles title.

Miss Xavier will again, no doubt, dominate the court with her speed in recoveries and strong attack and will be capably backed by Miss Silva at the net.

Should the KCC combination find their length in their smashes, they may be able to take the match to three sets. The steadiness and experience of the Recreio girls will tell in the end.

SENIOR MIXED DOUBLES

Robert Tny, partnering Miss Marie Ribeiro, will appear in his first final, against Patrick Wong & Miss H. P. Lam for the Senior Mixed Doubles title in the last game of the evening.

Much will depend on the ladies in this match, as the men are almost of equal strength, and Miss Ribeiro has a slight edge as she has a wider command of strokes, and more important, she possesses superior match temperament.

Miss Lam is another newcomer to Hongkong Badminton and has proven herself a very promising player indeed. Her strokes still lack control, especially her backhand, and this may well turn the tide in favour of the opposition.

Badminton League

The Chinese YMCA beat University 5-4 in the final of the "B" Division of the Badminton League at the VRC last night, and have thus become divisional champions.

TENNIS MATCH

A return Exhibition Tennis Match along Davis Cup lines will be played on the 6th & 7th, inst. between the Salgion players and representatives of Hongkong at the Hongkong Cricket Club Ground. Admission will be \$5.00 (seats) and \$2.00 (standing) for each day.

THE PROGRAMME

The programme will be:

TOMORROW

4.30 p.m. Duong vs Ip Koon-hung

5.30 p.m. Van Sau vs Tsui Wai-pui

THURSDAY

3.45 p.m. Duong vs Tsui Wai-pui

4.45 p.m. Van Sau vs Ip Koon-hung

5.45 p.m. Van Sau & Duong vs Ip Koon-hung & W.C. Choy

REST XI v. RECREIO

The following have been invited to play for the Rest against the Champions at the Club de Recreio on Saturday, play to commence at 1.45 p.m.

A. R. Abbas (HCC), W. M. Davidson (KCC), E. N. Gambrill (RAF), L. D. Kilbee (HKCC), J. C. Koh (University), N. R. Oliver (HKCC), T. A. Pearce (HKCC) (Captain), G. Souza (CCC), A. Stepto (Army), L. F. Stokes (HKCC), L. White (Navy).

Angling Society Meeting

The first annual general meeting of the Hongkong Angling Society was held in the S. C. M. Post Boardroom yesterday.

Mr. H. G. Gardner, the Acting Chairman said that Mr. J. Prior, who really started the Society and drew up the articles of association and rules, had left the Colony on leave, but had left certain information for the meeting. Mr. Prior had obtained the consent of the Water Engineer and the Crown Solicitor to propose certain amendments of the regulations made under Ordinance to the Colonial Secretary. The latter, in reply to Mr. Prior's letter, stated that it was not Government policy to allow private persons such wide powers. Mr. Prior wrote again to the Colonial Secretary stating that the only reason was that the Water Engineer, with the consent of the Police, might grant certain powers. No reply had been received.

The position in regard to the Society's rules, therefore, was that many of them could not be implemented, and he suggested that the incoming Committee amend the rules to the satisfaction of the Colonial Secretary.

"No restocking of the reservoirs has been done as we could not obtain any control at all over the reservoirs," continued the Chairman. "Mr. Littlejohn has done a great deal of research work in connection with the types of fish suitable for restocking the reservoirs, and particularly mentioned three types—the grass carp, the black carp and the mandarin fish."

"Mr. Littlejohn considers grass carp most suitable as it grows quickly, takes well, and, as its name implies, feeds on vegetable matter. The indicated cost of about \$500 for 10,000 fry three inches long is not prohibitive. Black carp feed on molluscs and can also be purchased. Mandarin fish is a relative of the bass and can also be purchased. In the fry stage at a moderate cost. The stocking of Mandarin fish needs care as to the type of reservoir used."

"The question of restocking leads me to the question of finance. Your funds as subscribed, are virtually intact as the cost of starting the Society was borne by certain individuals, chiefly Mr. Prior and Mr. Blake. The present cash in the bank is \$942.50. Mr. Mow Fung has very kindly made us a gift of \$200."

"With regard to sea fishing, one expedition for sea bass was included in a circular sent out. Several members have been out on trips, but the Committee lacks information as to the result."

He mentioned that one member had caught several large bass on fly, the largest being 20 inches.

A proposal that the subscription fee of the Society should not be raised for the coming year was adopted.

The following were elected as the Committee:—Capt. W. F. O'Farrell, Messrs L. A. Gutierrez, A. E. Gutierrez, W. D. Orchard, N. K. Littlejohn, P. Grenham and L. A. Osmund.

Walcott, Charles Sign For Title Bout



Joe Triner (centre, seated), chairman of the Illinois Athletic Commission, hands pens to Ezzard Charles (left) and Jersey Joe Walcott (right), as they signed for their bout for Joe Louis' vacated world heavyweight title.

The fight will be staged on June 22 in Comiskey Park in Chicago. Others in rear row (left to right) are: Lou Radzenda, athletic commissioner; Joe Louis and Arthur Wirtz, two of the three promoters of the fight, and Ralph Metcalfe, member of the athletic commission.

WEEK-END SOCCER

The International Cup soccer final will be played on Sunday at 4 p.m. at Soekunpoo between China and England.

Other matches arranged for this week are as follows:

WEDNESDAY

First Division
Navy v. Kwong Wah, Navy, 5.15 p.m. (Ref. K. K. Ip); Innesmen, A. Hebeiro/S. Y. Kwok.
Police v. Army (postponed from 17.40).
Second Division
W.D. Chinese v. K.M.B. (postponed from 1.40).
Third Division
Police v. Army (postponed from 1.40).
Fourth Division
Police v. Army (postponed from 1.40).

THURSDAY

First Division
Police v. K.M.B. (postponed from 1.40).
Second Division
Police v. K.M.B. (postponed from 1.40).
Third Division
Police v. K.M.B. (postponed from 1.40).
Fourth Division
Police v. K.M.B. (postponed from 1.40).

FRIDAY

First Division
Police v. K.M.B. (postponed from 1.40).
Second Division
Police v. K.M.B. (postponed from 1.40).
Third Division
Police v. K.M.B. (postponed from 1.40).
Fourth Division
Police v. K.M.B. (postponed from 1.40).

SATURDAY

First Division
Police v. K.M.B. (postponed from 1.40).
Second Division
Police v. K.M.B. (postponed from 1.40).
Third Division
Police v. K.M.B. (postponed from 1.40).
Fourth Division
Police v. K.M.B. (postponed from 1.40).

SUNDAY

First Division
Police v. K.M.B. (postponed from 1.40).
Second Division
Police v. K.M.B. (postponed from 1.40).
Third Division
Police v. K.M.B. (postponed from 1.40).
Fourth Division
Police v. K.M.B. (postponed from 1.40).

Dave Sands Loses On Points Decision

London, Apr. 4.—Dave Sands, 23-year-old Australian middle, cruiser and heavyweight champion, making his English debut before 10,000 spectators at Harringay Arena here tonight, was outpointed over ten rounds by Tommy Yarosz, 27-year-old American cruiserweight.

It was not a spectacular fight and at the finish both boxers were wrongly marked, but the big American looked a clear winner on points. The British referee had no hesitation in holding up the American's hand as the winner.

Some thought the Australian might perhaps have got the decision on the ground that Yarosz was repeatedly cautioned for holding, but in boxing skill the American was on top almost throughout.

Sands, won on more than three rounds. It was not until the fourth round that the spectators saw

FANLING GOLF

The qualifying round for the Captain's Cup for 1949 was played over the week-end at Fanling, and A. L. G. Eastman qualified with a net 70. Other good scores were returned by F. de Jong and W. A. Nicholas with 71 and J. W. Alabaster with 72.

Two G. M. Young Cup matches were played and resulted in wins for Dodwell, who beat Butterfield & Swire, and the Asiatic Petroleum Co., who beat Gibb Livingston. Scores were:

DODWELL v. B & S			
Cartier	1	Hunter	0
Cooper	0	McLaren	0
Hill	1	Price	0
Arthy	1	Dillinghurst	0
Cartier & Cooper	2	Hunter & McLaren	0
Hill & Arthy	2	Price & Dillinghurst	0
Total	6	Total	0

GIBB LIVINGSTON v. APC			
Snow	0	D.A.O. Davies	1
McKellar	0	Davidson	1
Bow	0	Field	0
Bidwell	0	Pollock	0
Snow & McKellar	0	Davies & Davidson	2
Bow & Bidwell	0	Field & Pollock	0
Total	0	Total	2

Next week-end a Stableford competition will be held on the Old Course, not on the New as stated on the Competition card.

During the Easter week-end, Borge and Medal Competitions will run continuously on both courses from Good Friday till Easter Monday, April 18, inclusive. In addition the Shanghai Visitors' Cup will be played for on Easter Sunday. On the afternoon of Easter Monday there will be a match between teams from the ladies' section and the men's.

On Sunday, April 24, a match between England and Scotland will be played.

The qualifying round for the Captain's Cup for May will be held on Saturday, April 30 and May 1.

The Jubilee competitions will consist of the following:

Saturday, May 7.—Mixed foursome competition against Borge, New Course.

Sunday, May 8.—a.m. Old Course Men's Borge Competition; a.m. New Course Ladies' Borge Competition; p.m. Old Course Men's Foursome against Borge, no pair to have a combined handicap of less than eighteen.

On Jubilee Day, May 10, it is intended to celebrate at Deep Water Bay, the exact details will be promulgated later.

Clyde Meet Rangers In Scottish Cup Final

London, Apr. 4.—By beating Dundee in the Scottish Cup semi-final replay at Hampden Park by 2-1, Clyde qualified to meet Rangers at the same venue on April 23.

Clyde fully merited their success before a 51,000 crowd. It was a hard punishing game with thrills abounding during the second half when Clyde took the lead and Dundee made desperate efforts to save the match.

Dundee began confidently and in the fourth minute Mulligan headed a Boyd centre into his own goal. After they recovered from the shock, Clyde fought back and in 30 minutes equalised.

The second half had been in progress for 18 minutes when Clyde took the lead with an existing goal. Davies passed to Wright, who shot for goal when the ball appeared to be crossing the line and, with the crowd gasping, gallantly ran in to make sure.

OTHER RESULTS

The results of football games played today were:

Second Division			
Bradford	2	Southampton	0
Cardiff C.	2	Bury	1
Third Division (Northern)			
Rochdale	1	Mansfield	0
Rotherham	2	Oldham	1
Rugby Union			
Coventry	8	Rugby	0
Falmouth	3	Newport	10
Redruth	15	London II.	13
Rugby League			
Belle V. L.	8	Barrow	2
Huddersfield	2	Wakefield	5
Oldham	2	Salford	2
Swinton	2	Widnes	5

—Reuter.

Table Tennis

New York, Apr. 4.—Dick Miles, of New York, won the United States men's singles table tennis championship for the fifth consecutive time by defeating Martin Reisman, of New York, 21-8, 23-21, 21-10.

—Reuter.



NEXT SEASON—DEAR JUST FOLLOW—AND THEN I'LL BE ABLE TO KEEP THE PLACE tidy

ON THE RECORD

The University Looks Southward

Negotiations are now in progress between the Hongkong University Athletic Association and Raffles College of Singapore toward an annual Inter-University Olympics covering as many sports as the two universities can raise teams for.

The project, on the surface, seems an expensive one. However, a large number of Hongkong University sportsmen come from Malaya and go south regularly for their holidays, particularly in summer. It is meant to hold these "Olympics" at the end of the University year, in early summer.

These will be, if all goes right, an annual affair and will probably include athletics, cricket, hockey, football, badminton and tennis, with Raffles College coming up north every other year.

The idea is an excellent one and could have an even wider scope. There are several universities in the Philippines that could be interested and more in Siam and Indo-China, not to mention Lingnan University of Canton.

But a start is a start and the HKU's initiative in the matter deserves commendation. The University sports year, with the pavilion at Pokfulam again at the undergraduates' disposal, will assume next year, I have it on good authority, a much more ambitious programme.

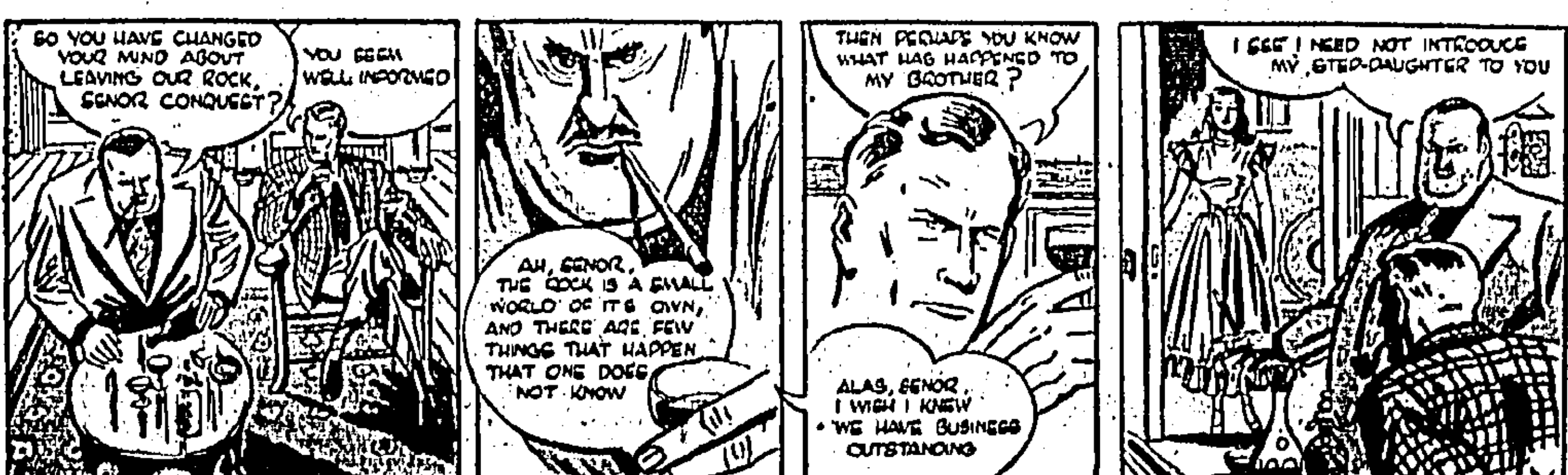
Contemplated among other new events on the calendar is an annual University v. Combined Schools athletic meet and a University v. Combined Schools cricket match.

It is a pity that the former cannot be held this season, all University sports being now in that stage where all is abandoned for the "swotting" that precedes the "exams."

On comparative performances, the schools seem to have a better combined team this year than the University, with slightly superior performances in practically every event.

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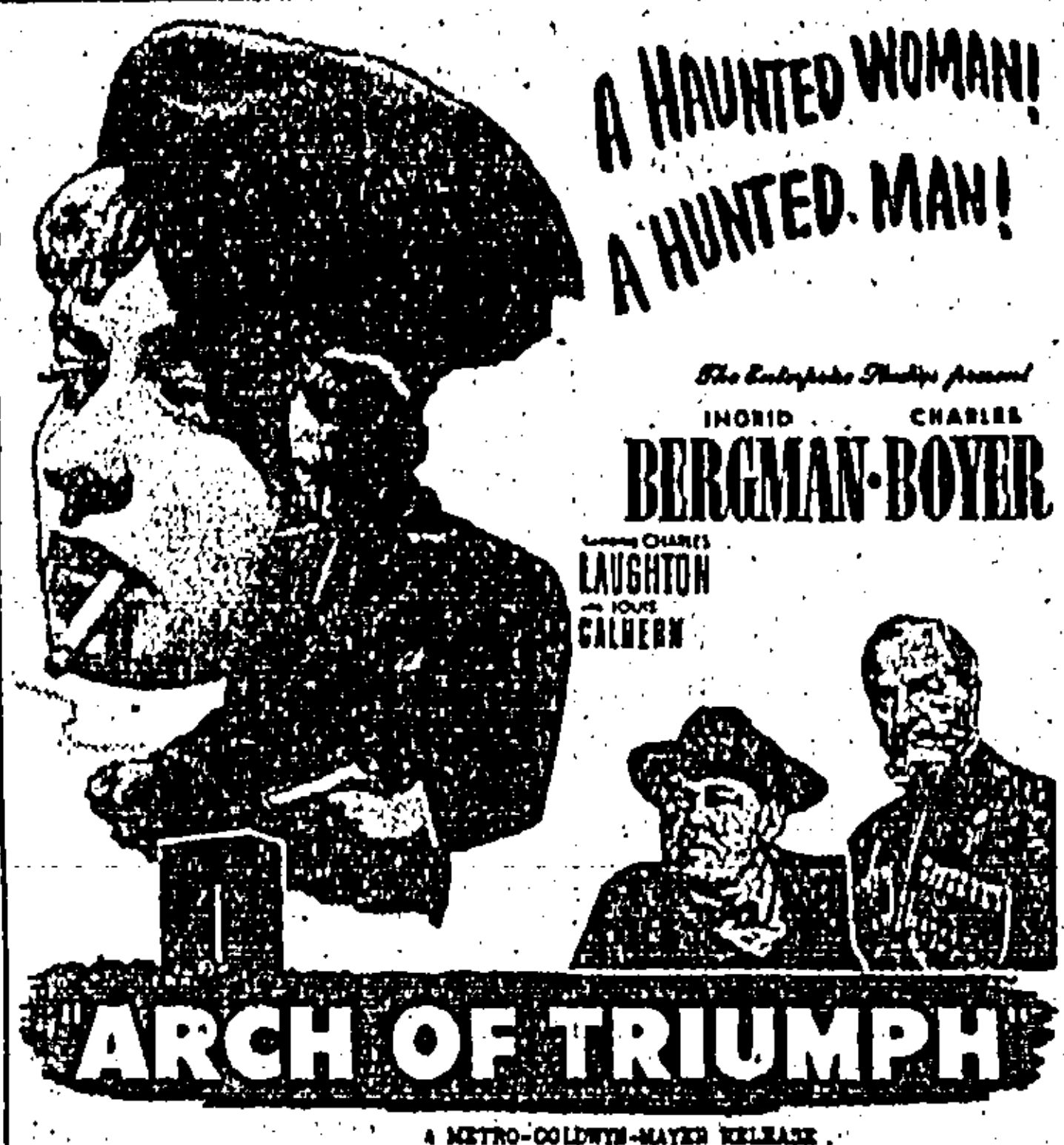
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"Well, Miss Prendergast, and are we still so certain that there is not a fellow-traveller or two in Ladies' Lingerie?"

71-Ton Plane Flies Atlantic

WITH 60 PEOPLE ABOARD

London, Apr. 4.—The world's largest commercial land plane, the Pan-American Airways' 71-ton Boeing strato-cruiser "Flying Cloud," arrived at London Airport at 12.25 p.m. GMT today after its maiden flight across the Atlantic.

The plane, with 60 people on board, was two and a half hours behind schedule owing to delay at Shannon Airport, Eire, where it landed this morning 10 minutes ahead of schedule. At Shannon, one of her four engines was cut and "feathered" as the plane had developed an oil leak over the Atlantic. The Flying Cloud brought a number of airline and aviation officials as passengers. The strato-cruiser will inaugurate a daily service between New York and London on June 1, flying nonstop in 12 hours. The plane, which was thrown open to inspection at London Airport today, has a cocktail lounge, superbly equipped and decorated, on the "ground" floor, and a spiral staircase to the main passenger cabin and the flying gallery.

POWDER ROOM

The kitchen is equipped to service 75 passengers and a crew of 12 with three complete meals during the flight. Women passengers have a powder room lined with mirrors and furnished with water, hot and cold, in the men's dressing room, even electric razor plugs are provided.

Captain Robert D. Fordyce, the chief pilot of the strato-cruiser, said the weather was fine and clear until the plane was 200 miles from London. "We reckon that our flying time was 11 hours and 40 minutes from New York to London, by way of Newfoundland and Shannon. We flew most of the journey at 25,000 feet and averaged 325 miles an hour, assisted by the usual westerly tail winds."

The Flying Cloud is due to return to New York on Wednesday.

Mr. W. G. Lipscomb, a vice-president of Pan-American Airways, who travelled in the plane, is expected to discuss in London the possibility of international "tourist class" air travel across the Atlantic. The strato-cruiser might be modified to carry up to 100 tourist passengers.—Reuter.

ARMISTICE TALKS

Tel-Aviv, Apr. 4.—A Government spokesman said today that armistice negotiations between Syria and Israel will begin tomorrow at a still undetermined place. However, he said the site is expected to be either the border town of Metulla or Mishmar Hayarden. The latter is now in Syrian hands.—United Press.

RED-CONTROLLED AREAS BANNED

Washington, Apr. 4.—Congress today voted continued aid to China and the Senate adopted a ban on shipments to Communist-controlled areas.

The Senate restriction was written into the bill, now pending, to extend the European recovery programme for 15 months. The House, meanwhile, approved a separate bill to extend the expiration date of the China aid act to February 15, 1950. It was intended to allow time for Congress to make a full review of the China aid programme.

The Senate accepted by voice vote an amendment by Senator William Knowland to make available US\$54,000,000 in "frozen" China aid funds, provided it was spent only in areas controlled by the Nationalist government.

SWISS EYE WORLD SITUATION

Favour European Organisation

Lausanne, Apr. 4.—Switzerland's strict neutrality does not mean that she must remain indifferent to attempts to build a European organisation, the Swiss Foreign Minister, M. Max Petitpierre, told the annual Swiss Radical Democratic Congress.

Addressing the Congress here yesterday, he said: "The world today is halfway between peace and war. Diplomacy is paralysed and one sees no way out. It has become more difficult to operate our neutrality policy. Thus, whatever we do or do not do, we are open to the charge of taking sides or of serving the interests of one determined policy."

"This is why we must act judiciously. We must stand aside from any political or military alliance. This does not, however, mean that we must be hostile or remain indifferent to all the efforts which are being made to replace the present disorder by an organisation of Europe—all of Europe."

THE ONLY PATH

"This is the only path that can lead to lasting peace," M. Petitpierre added that he envisaged a European organisation which would "respect national diversities, the right of each people to live under the form of government it has freely chosen by mutual consent. We seem to be still far from the day when all these conditions will be realised," he said. "We must not let ourselves be paralysed by the fear of an obscure future."

The current struggle between the two different concepts of life might not develop into war, he added. "The struggle is taking more subtle forms. Its aim is a certain form of life and of civilisation which some people wish to impose on all countries, without regard to their evolution and their aspirations. To this, we must add the fact that there is a lack of balance in the military strength in Europe, a fact which may be a temptation to the strong and a menace to the weak."—Reuter.

The vote came after the chairman, Senator Tom Connally, announced that his Senate Foreign Relations Committee was "not in disagreement" with the amendment. Senator Connally had proposed an amendment for continued aid to China without a ban, but Senator Knowland had insisted on the restriction after reading statements by Chinese Communists that they would support Russia in any way with the West.

ERP HOLD-UP

Adoption of the amendment came as the administration pushed anew for a final vote on the \$5,580,000,000 Marshall Plan renewal. Democratic leaders were confident of victory, but they saw little chance of getting the final vote before the middle of the week. Technically, the recovery programme lapsed at midnight on Saturday, when previous legislation expired. Shipments of goods ordered before the deadline are continuing, but new orders cannot be placed until the bill pending has been passed by both Houses of Congress.

In a year-end review today, the recovery administrator, Mr. American aid to Europe was shifting from one of urgent relief to outright recovery. The China bill had marked the first time the foreign aid authorisation programme had such an anti-Communist restriction woven into its authorising legislation. Representative John Kee, Democratic chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, told the House that in view of "unsettled conditions" in China at present there was no possibility of his Committee examining the entire situation. He said the expiration date under the bill, February 15, 1950, allowed time enough for this Congress or the next one to make a full review of the China programme.

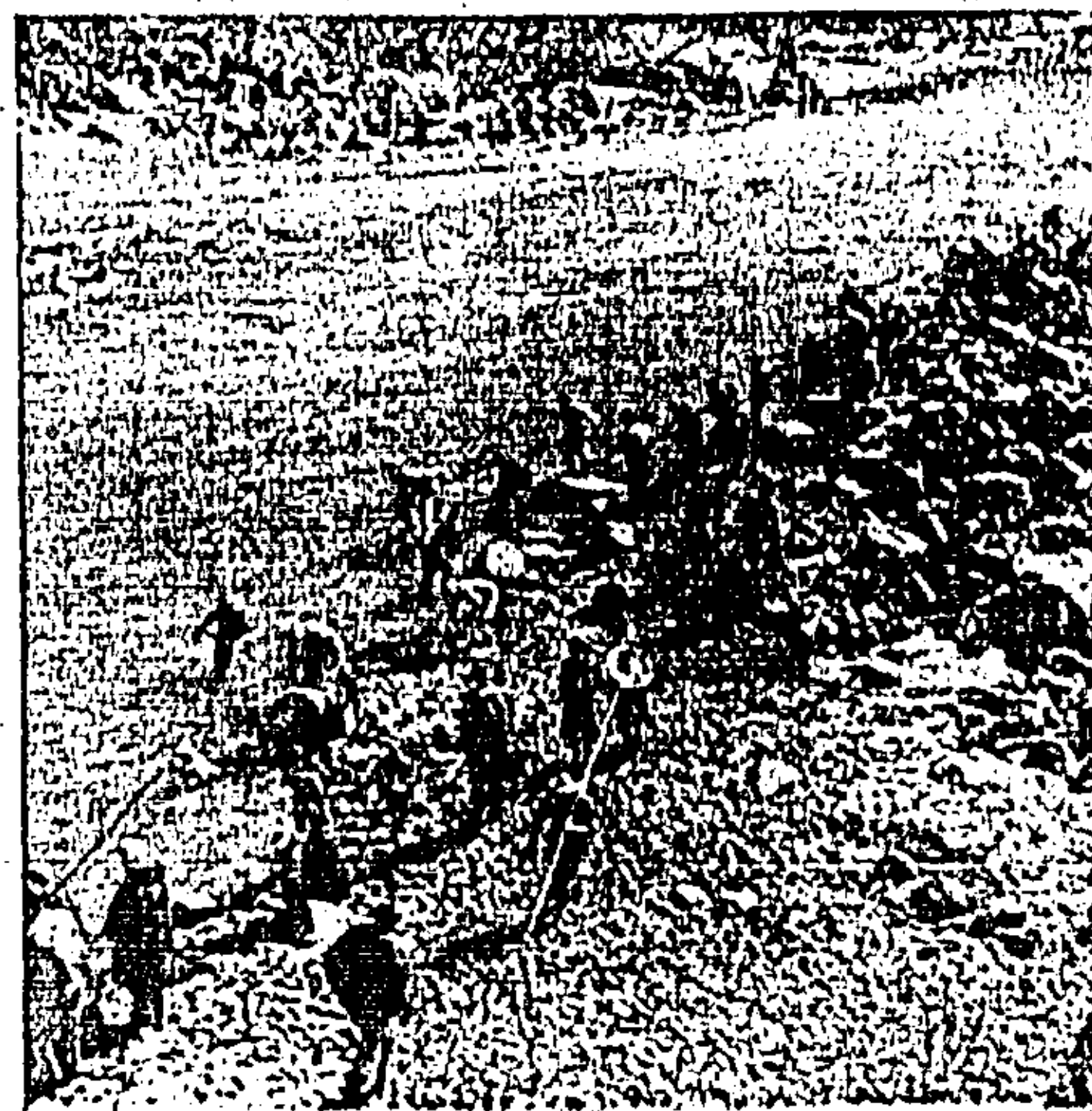
Representative W. Marcantonio of the American Labour Party said it was "another illustration of the course the cold war policy is forcing us to follow." He declared the money was going to a corrupt government deeply steeped in the vilest landlordism rather than to the Chinese people themselves.—United Press.

Shostakovich Leaves U.S.

New York, Apr. 4.—Seven grim-faced Russian delegates to the recent Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace in New York left La Guardia Airport last night for home after maintaining a stony silence to newspapermen at the airport. The party's interpreter, M. Ivan Rozhnarski, refused to translate the reporters' questions to the delegates. A group of reporters tried to evoke some response from the Russian composer, M. Dmitri Shostakovich, a member of the delegation who was rumoured to speak English. They stood within earshot of Shostakovich and one said: "I think Shostakovich did not respond. A group of 12 Americans bade the Russians farewell. Several of the Russians were seen kissing the Americans goodbye. There were no pickets and no demonstrations."—Reuter.

Reads Own Name On Dead Roll

Paris, Apr. 4.—Returning to his home near Nantes after eight years' service in the French Foreign Legion, George Derthier read his name among the dead on the local war memorial. Since he had not written home, his parents had concluded he was killed in the war.—Associated Press.



A vanguard of thousands of Portland, Ore., residents begin lining the banks of the Sandy river near there to dip up smelt, a small fish that makes a periodic run upstream in uncounted millions.—AP Picture.

Huxley Wants Brake Put On Birth Rate

London, Apr. 4.—Novelist Aldous Huxley today urged a brake be put on the world's birth rate to avoid economic and social chaos within the next half century. He made the statement in a pamphlet issued by the United Nations Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation.

The pamphlet was the first in a series published as part of the worldwide UNESCO campaign to show how population growth affects the world's food supply.

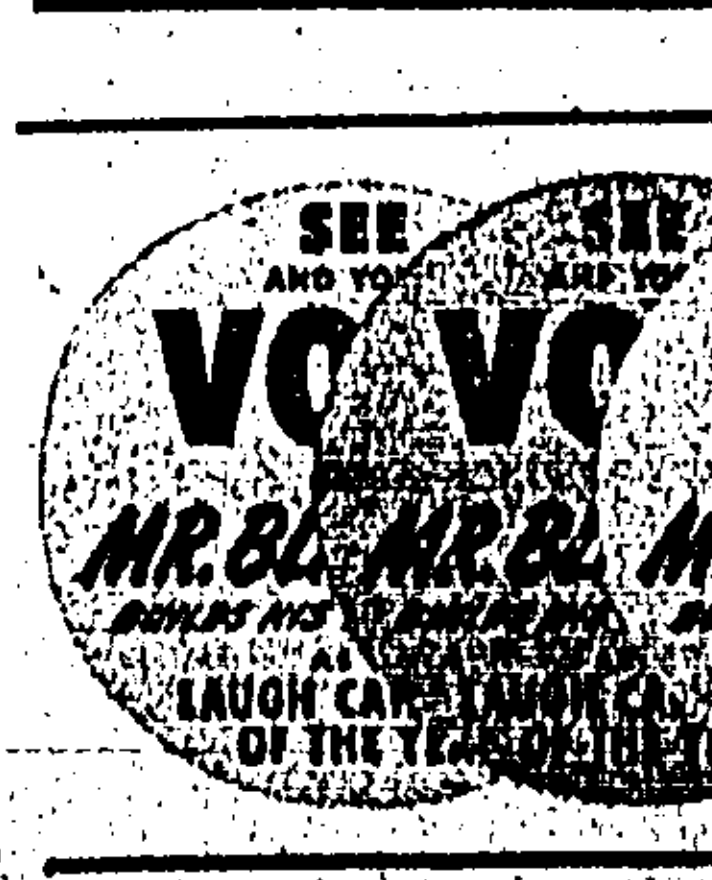
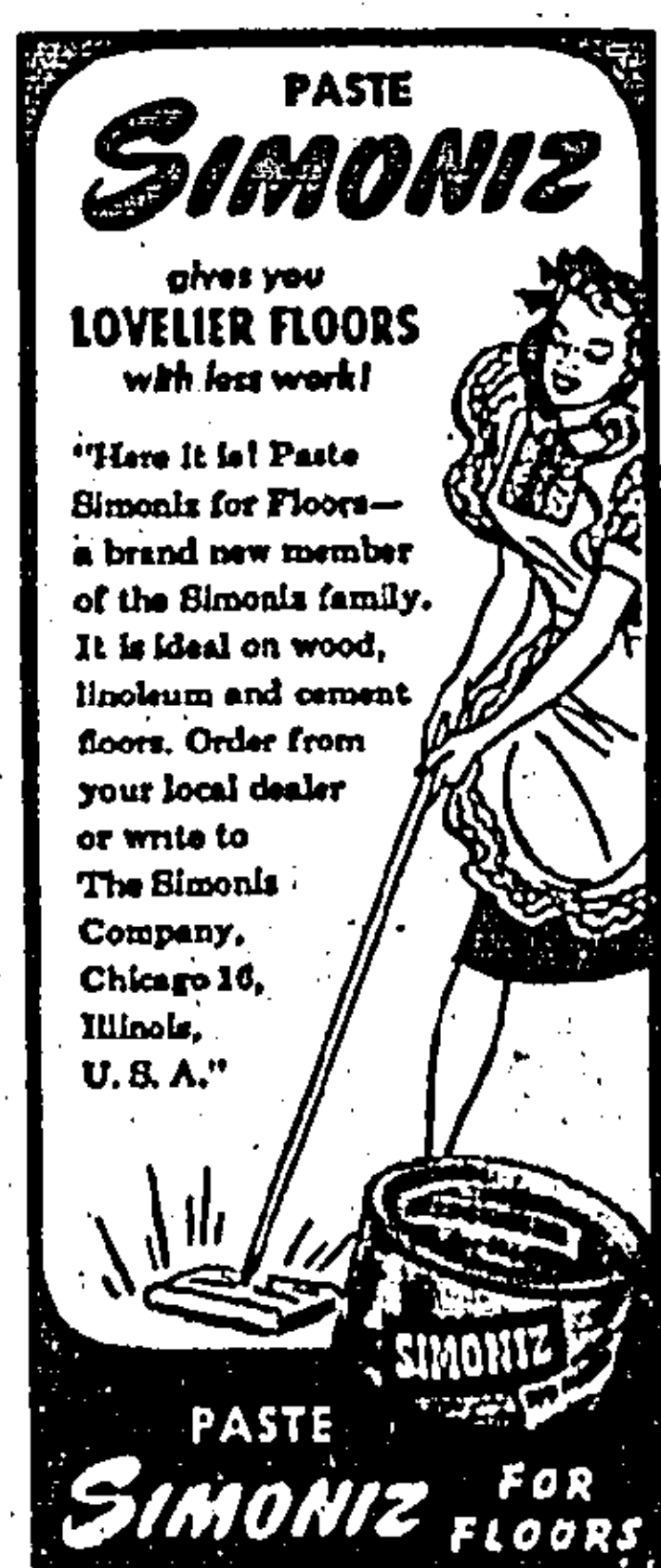
Huxley, who is the younger brother of Julian Huxley, former director general of UNESCO, declared that 55,000 new human beings enter the world each day and in the same period of time the world loses approximately the same number of acres of productive land through soil erosion.

He estimated that the world population would increase by at least 3,000,000,000 before it starts to decline. He said this increase would decrease the world food supply in the next half century unless immediate steps are taken to open up vast wilderness for agriculture and mineral purposes.

HUXLEY'S SOLUTION

The world food problem, Huxley argued, could be solved by international co-operation. He suggested that nations band together to open up hitherto unexploited areas of land and speed up the development of techniques to transform available materials into nourishment. Sir John Russell disagreed with Huxley's gloomy conclusions but supported the idea of developing new food production areas. Sir John said there are signs that Europe's grain and meat supplies will soon surpass prewar levels. He stressed the belief that there is no need to fear food shortages except in India and parts of Africa.

However, he urged the use of vast lands in the tropics for food production and pointed out that only five to 10 per cent of the world's land area is cultivated for food.—United Press.



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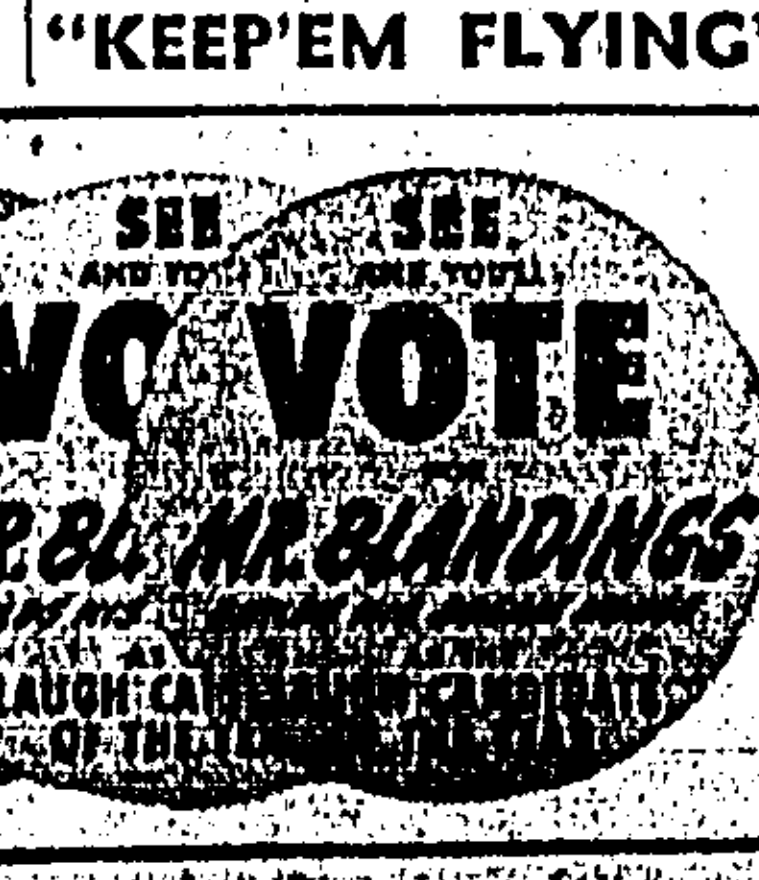
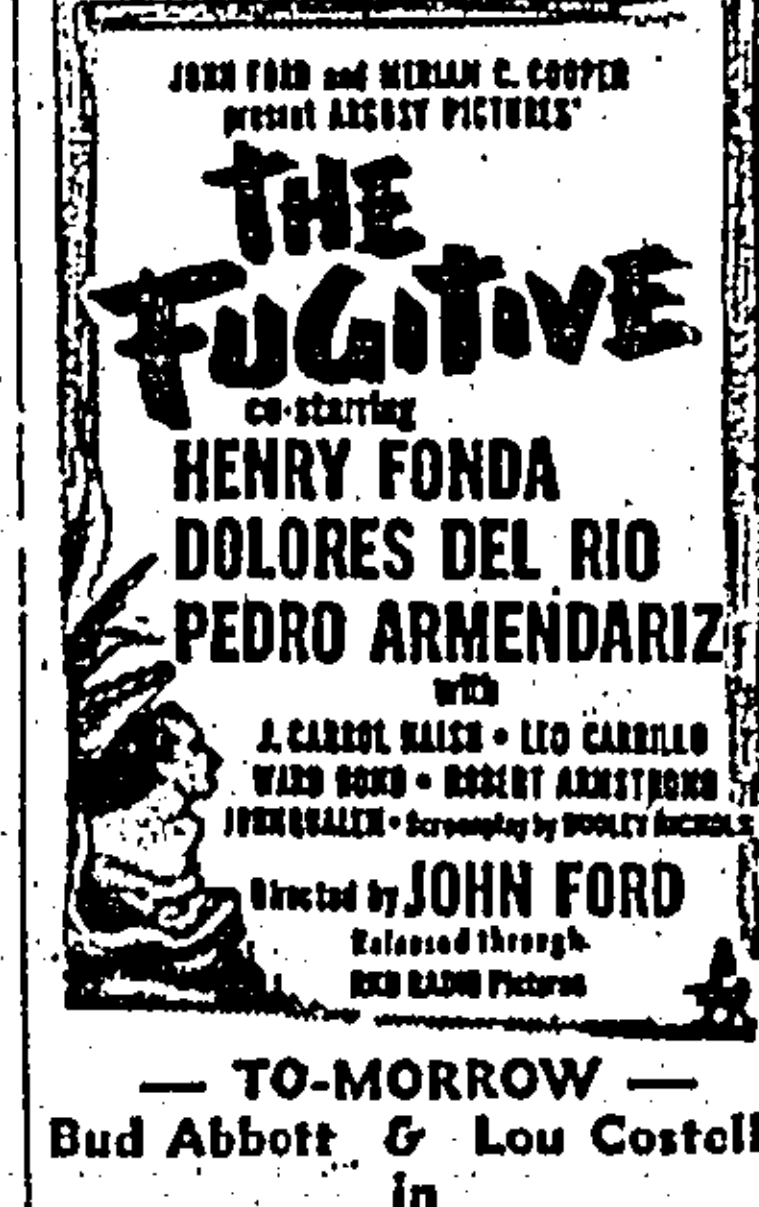
Paris, Apr. 4.—Charlie Chaplin will take part in the World Congress of the Partisans of Peace, to be held here from April 20 to 24. The Congress Secretariat said tonight. The Dean of Canterbury, Dr. Howlett Johnson, and Mr. John Platt Mills, Independent Labour Member of Parliament, have promised to attend, it was said.—Reuter.

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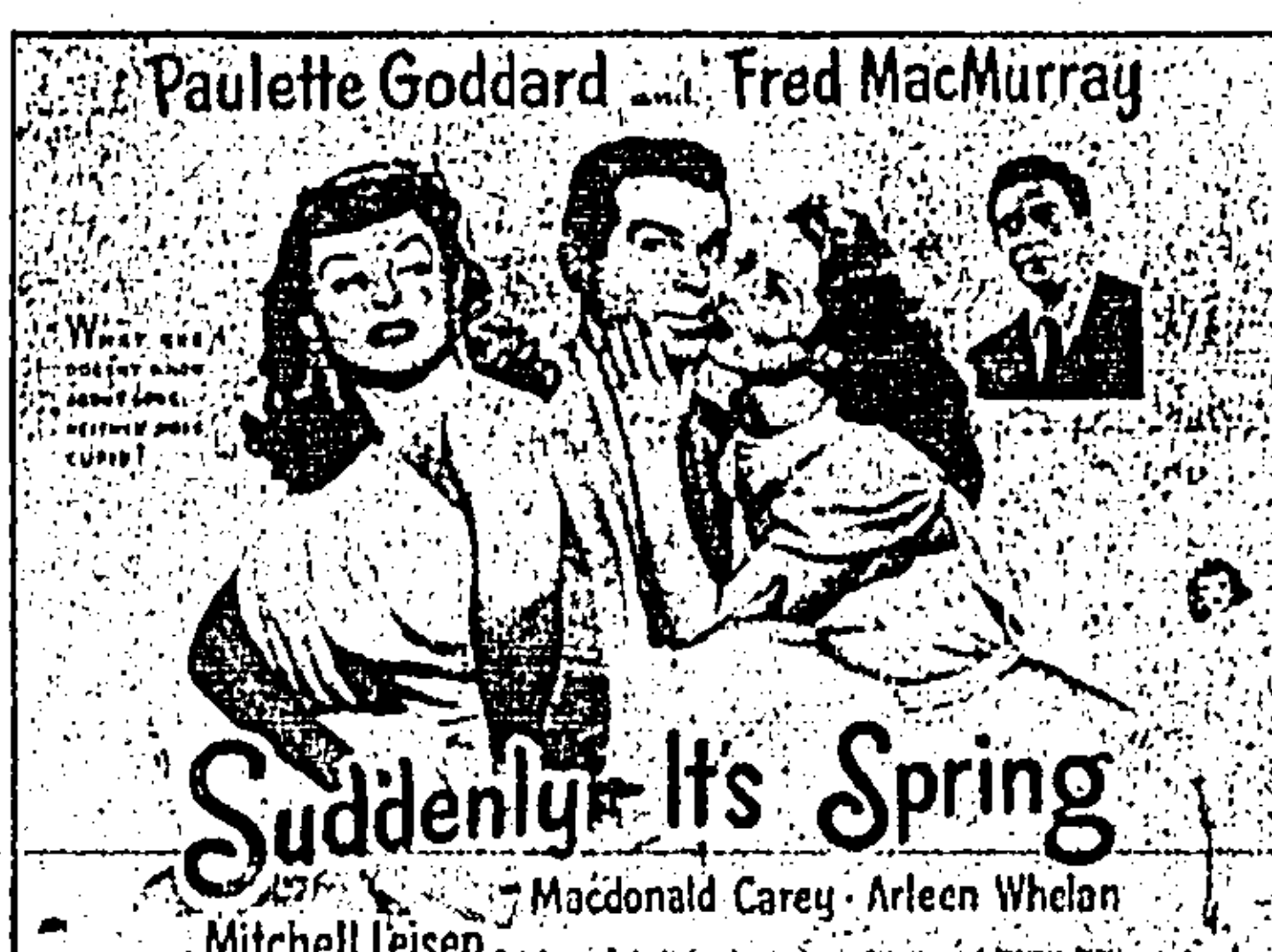


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By order of the Board,
R. A. WICKERSON,
Managing Director.

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